

SIGHT AND SOUND UPDATE

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CLASSICS OF THE SILVER SCREEN - JUNE

The next Classics of the Silver Screen will be on Monday 28th of June at the Cygnet Cinema Como and will commence at 12:00 noon. 'Airport' is a 1970 American air disaster drama starring Burt Lancaster and Dean Martin. Based on Arthur Hailey's 1968 novel it originated the 1970s disaster film genre.

The film is about an airport manager trying to keep his airport open during a snow storm, while a suicide bomber plots to blow up a Boeing 707 airliner in flight.

The movie won Helen Hayes an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress in her role as an elderly stowaway.



With attention paid to the detail of day-to-day airport and airline operations, the plot concerns the response to a paralyzing snowstorm, environmental concerns over noise pollution, and an attempt to blow up an airliner.

The film also stars Jean Seberg, Jacqueline Bisset, George Kennedy and Van Heflin.

'Airport' was filmed in 70mm Todd-AO and Technicolor.

It is the last film scored by Alfred Newman and the last film role for Van Heflin and Jessie Royce Landis. It was also Ross Hunter's last film produced for Universal after a 17-year tenure. Produced on a \$10 million budget, it earned over \$128 million in 1970 and surpassed Spartacus as Universal Pictures' biggest money-maker.

IN FOCUS MEETING JUNE

The next InFocus meeting features a presentation about the 1962 Commonwealth and Empire Games held in Perth.

It will be on Wednesday 16th of June starting at 7:30pm at the RSL Hall Fred Bell Parade Bentley.

The programme will deal with the games, how they came to be held in Perth, the behind the scenes account of how the television stations presented the games and what affect it had on Perth before and after the games.

It should be an interesting evening's entertainment presented by John Quicke and Ken McKay who were both involved in the television broadcast of the games. See you there on the night.



TV HISTORY



Johnny Crawford (Left) with Chuck Connors

Early television star Johnny Crawford died on the 29th of April 2021

Johnny was an American actor, singer and musician.

At age 12 Crawford rose to prominence playing Mark McCain in the series 'The Rifleman' for which he was nominated for a Best Supporting Actor Emmy Award at age 13.

Crawford had a brief career as a recording artist and continued to act on television and in film as an adult with his final film role in 2019. Beginning in 1992, Crawford led the California-based Johnny Crawford Orchestra, a vintage dance orchestra that performed at special events.

Crawford began his career as a child actor, one of the original Mouseketeers on the Micky Mouse Club in 1955.

Freelancing for two and one-half years, he accumulated almost 60 television credits.

In July 1958 he joined Chuck Connors in 'The Rifleman' playing Connors' son.

During the late 1950s and early 1960s Crawford had a recording career with Del-Fi records that generated four Billboard Top 40 hits.

Crawford reconnected with Charlotte Samco, his childhood sweetheart in 1990 and they married in 1995.

In 2019 Crawford had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and died in a personal care home at age 75 on April 29, 2021. He had been diagnosed with COVID-19 and pneumonia. At the time of his passing Johnny was the last surviving main cast member of The Rifleman.

MEMBER BENEFITS

Besides receiving our Sight and Sound newsletter and special entry prices at the Grand Cygnet Theatre "Classics of the Silver Screen" series, members are reminded they can obtain a double Karrinyup Wurlitzer organ show ticket by showing their AMMPT membership card. This is for one show only.

The upcoming concerts are:

- **13th June** Mathew Loeser from South Australia with a "trip down memory lane" consisting of organ, piano and vocals.
- **25th July** Local artist Alessandro Pittorino, who has been playing organ at the Windsor Theatre in Nedlands.
- **19th September** silent film organist David Bailey from the Brisbane Gallery of Modern Art. David will accompany the silent films "Mighty Like a Moose" starring Charlie Chase, "Two Tars" starring Laurel and Hardy and "For Heavens Sake" starring Harold Lloyd.

Right: The Wurlitzer Organ at the Karrinyup Community Centre. The instrument has 3 keyboards and 21 ranks

