

COLOSSEUM

(African Consolidated Theatres, Ltd.)

To-day, 2.30 & 8. Saturday, 10.30, 2.30, 6 & 8.30.

Deanna Durbin in Universal's "HERS TO HOLD"

Bumper Xmas Holiday Programme commencing Monday at 8 p.m.

**JON HALL — MARIA MONTEZ
TURHAN BEY in**
Universal's Technical Fantasy—

**"ALI BABA AND THE
40 THIEVES"**

ALHAMBRA

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BIG XMAS HOLIDAY SCOOP!
Saturday at 2.30, 6 and 8.30.

BUD ABBOTT — LOU COSTELLO
in Universal's Howling Storm of Fun!

"HIT THE ICE"

Also Brilliant Addition to this Great
Fun Show—

"HAPPY DAYS"

ALHAMBRA.

Abbott and Costello, the popular laugh-makers, come to the Alhambra on Saturday in Universal's best comedy production, "Hit the Ice." Said to be their funniest picture since "Buck Privates," the current film is declared to present Bud and Lou in a series of hilarious situations developed to exploit the mirth-making talents of the two popular comics. Ginny Simms has the leading feminine role and the supporting cast features Marie Knowles, Elyse Knox and Marc Lawrence. Elaborate musical sequences present Johnny Long and his orchestra and together with other popular entertainers there are 50 skating beauties.

COLOSSEUM.

All the enchantment and exotic allure that films have come to identify with the name of Maria Montez is contained in Universal's "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves," the Technicolor fantasy which opens at the Colosseum on Monday. Maria Montez, if anything, exceeds the spiffing she exhibited in earlier successes, and is well served by the lavish Oriental background which makes the picture throughout. Co-starred with lovely Maria are John Hall, who again is used effectively in the love theme, and hand-modelled Turhan Bey, a relative newcomer. Locale of the elaborate film fantasy is ancient Bagdad in the days of its most resplendent glory.

PLAZA.

Music to be seen as well as heard is what Harry Belafonte delivers in "Bathing Beauties," the current attraction at the Plaza. This tune-spangled M. Technicolor comedy, starring Red Skelton and Esther Williams, introduces visual music. Skelton and his band furnish melodies for an elaborate water ballet sequence featuring Esther Williams and thirty-two "acquacuties." Also in the cast are Bill Goodwin, Donald Meek, Carlos Ramirez and Xavier Cugat and his band.

PLAZA

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"Bathing Beauty"

Starring Red Skelton, Esther Williams, Basil Rathbone, Ethel Smith, Jean Porter, Carlos Ramirez, Xavier Cugat and his Orchestra, the unique Aqua Beauties, etc.

More BIG Shows on the way—

Ronald Colman in "KISMET."

Katharine Hepburn in "DRAGON SEED."

Municipal Orchestra

CONDUCTOR AND MUSICAL DIRECTOR: DR. WM. J. PICKERILL

SUNDAY, 24th DECEMBER.

Overture, "Hansel and Gretel" ... Humperdinck
Paraphrase on a Christmas Carol,
"Holy Night" ... Pickerill
Christmas Memories ... Finck
Arias: **DOLLY DE VILLIERS.**
Christmas Hymn, "Adeste Fidelis" (O Come all ye Faithful).

THURSDAY, 28th DECEMBER.

The Walk to the Paradise Garden ... Delius
Two Nocturnes ... Debussy
Symphony in D minor ... Franck
Suite, "L'Amour Sorcier" ... De Falla
Booking — Darters.

"An Evening of Jewish Music"

The City Hall was filled to capacity last Saturday night when Mr. Jerry Idelson, the well-known musician and composer from Johannesburg, presented a programme of Jewish music with the Cape Town Orchestra, which he conducted.

The programme opened with the first public performance in South Africa of Prokofieff's "Overture sur des thèmes Juifs." Mr. Idelson's own composition, "Rhapsodic Paraphrase on Hebrew themes for 'Cello and Orchestra," followed; Granville Britton as soloist played with great feeling and understanding. Boris Rome then sang Eliezer's Aria from the opera "La Jevve," and a Yiddish song as an encore. The first half of the programme closed with the orchestra's playing of Zolotarev's "Rhapsodie Hebraique."

After the interval the Orchestra played Hassidic Suite, Mr. Idelson's own composition, in which he seemed to interpret the real spirit of Hassidism.

The climax of the evening was the performance of the cantata "Israel's Marching," composed by Mr. Idelson, with words by Lewis Sowden. This is a most interesting and original work and made a deep impression. The soloists, Rose Alper, Jenny Sonnenberg, Boris Rome and Harry Rabinowitz, gave beautiful renderings of their various parts, and the small choir of local men and women was very good; it is a pity, however, that the audience were not in possession of the libretto of this too little known work.

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Mr. Idelson will broadcast a group of his Afrikaans songs on Tuesday, 26th December, at 9 p.m. on the B Transmission. The artists will be Paula Richfield and Harry Rabinowitz.

Jerusalem.

More than a quarter million meals were served by the Palestine Restaurants, operating under the auspices of the Food Controller, in Jerusalem, Haifa and Tel Aviv in the seven months from the inauguration of the scheme. During August and September, 1944, Jerusalem Palestine Restaurants served a monthly average of 41-45,000 meals.

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SEA POINT

To-day, 3 and 8 p.m. Saturday, 3, 6.15 and 8.45.

The 20th Century-Fox Musical Adventure
Romance—

"4 Jills in a Jeep"

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