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Jack benny show with humphrey bogart

Editing Police Lt. Jack Benny questions notorious killer Babyface Bogart (guest star Humphrey Bogart). Plot Summary | Add synopsis Parents Guide: Add Content Advisory for Parents » Edit Humphrey Bogart joined Jack Benny in a fun and long Lucky Strike cigarette commercial midway through this episode. It must have been a coup for the sponsor to have a big Hollywood screen star like Bogart participate in a TV commercial. See More » Jack Benny: A Lucky Strike, eh? What made you think it was a Lucky Strike? Babyface Bogart: I'm not talking. Jack Benny: [Lieutenant Benny hits Babyface and yells at him] What made you think it was a Lucky Strike? Babyface Bogart: Because it was so round, so solid, so fully packed, so free and easy on the draw. See More » I'm Walking Behind You Written by Billy Reid Performed by Sara Berner See More » User Reviews Jack Benny was first and foremost a showman; and consistently featured top guest stars on his TV show. But it must have been a scoop to bring in Humphrey Bogart. The year was 1953, his big gangster films were behind him, big roles in Casablanca and The Maltese Falcon were out there, and he had recently won the Oscar. Played in a very sweet, Bogie showed some discomfort with comedy, but all of it is a lovely time. Benny always knew the value of a good script, too; and generally regretted ad lib. Gags are generous and the situation is very funny. Old television at its best, and part of American cultural history. 6 out of 6 thought this was helpful. Was this review helpful? Sign in to vote. Permalink Series Overview Season 15 Season 15 Overview Air Dates: September 25, 1964 Season 14 Season 14 Overview Air Date: September 24, 1963 Season 13 Season 13 Overview Air Dates: September 25, 1962 Season 12 Season 12 Overview Air Date: October 15, 1961 Season 11 Season 11 Overview Air Date: October 16, 1960 Season 10 Season 10 Overview Air Date: October 4 , 1959 Season 9 Season 9 Overview Air Date: September 21, 1958 Season 8 Season 8 Overview Air Date: September 22, 1957 Season 7 Overview Air Date: September 23, 1956 Season 6 Season 6 Overview Air Date: September 25, 1955 Season 5 Season 5 Overview Air Date: October 3, 1954 Season 4 Season 4 Overview Air Date: September 13, 1953 S4 :E13. Road to Nairobi Air Date: May 23, 1954 S4:E12. David Niven Show Air Date: May 2, 1954 S4:E11. Burns and Allen Show Air Date: April 11, 1954 S4: E10. Goldie, Field and Glide Air Date: March 21, 1954 S4:E9. Helen Hayes Show Air Date: February 28, 1954 S4:E8. Jack Dreams He is married to Mary Air Date: February 7, 1954 S4: E7. Liberace Visa Air Date: January 17, 1954 S4:E6. Reminiscing About Last New Year Air Date: December 27, 1953 S4:E5. Irene Dunne Show Air Date: December 6, 1953 S4:E4. Johnny Ray Show Air Date: November 15, 1953 S4:E3. Humphrey Bogart Show Air Date: 1953 S4:E2. Jack as a child air date: October 4, 1953 S4:E1. Honolulu Travel Air Date: September 13, 1953 Season 3 Season 3 Overview Air Date: October 5, 1952 Season 2 Season 2 Overview Air Date: November 4, 1951 Season 2 Season 2 Overview Air Date: November 4, 1951 Season 1 Season 1 Overview Air Date: October 28, 1950 Season 1 Season 1 Overview Air Date: October 28, 1950 As we all know Jack Benny was one of the most beloved entertainers in the world when he took his talents to the small screen in 1950 with The Jack Benny Show, the TV version of his popular radio show. The Jack Benny Show ran until 1965, giving a good indication of the show's appeal with the audience. Of course Jack Benny wasn't alone in making the transition from radio to television, but he was one of the most successful in this. Still, it's worth noting that he moved into the new entertainment medium slowly with just four shows produced the first season (1950-1951) after airing what would turn out to be the show pilot in May 1949. As years past the Benny show aired more often, but it wasn't a weekly show until 1960. In the intervening years, the airings ranged from every six weeks to every third alternately in their time slot with other popular programs. Most of Jack Benny's original radio cast appeared on TV with him, including announcer Don Wilson, Eddie Rochester Anderson as Jack's wise-cracking assistant (who made his TV debut on the show's pilot the year before). Singer Dennis Day was also a regular who was the voice artist extraordinaire, Mel Blanc who played many different roles throughout the run of the program. Jack Benny's real wife, Mary Livingstone, showed up occasionally. Also featured on the majority of The Jack Benny Show episodes were some of the biggest stars on the silver screen that were written into sketches that incorporated the familiar Jack Benny persona into the plot. For those of you who don't know the persona it was a self-fertilized, cheap, ever-39-year-old version of Jack Benny. Familiar and always fun. The following is a retelling of one of the episodes, the one with guest star Humphrey Bogart in a send-up of a gangster scenario and that's a hoot. The Humphrey Bogart Show (from October 25, 1953, Season 4, episode 3, sketch/play originally titled, Babyface starring Humphrey Bogart) This particular episode of The Jack Benny Program follows the most widely used set-up of the popular series, although Jack Benny was quite flexible in terms of formatting it seems to me. The episode includes an introductory dialogue with Benny, which often featured some jokes with the show's regulars, several live commercial breaks for the show's sponsor, Lucky Strike cigarettes, and one featuring Benny, regulars and the show's Guest. What makes this 1953 episode special is that it was a big goat with one of Hollywood's biggest stars appearing in a long skit. This episode is commonly referred to as The Humphrey Bogart Show. Benny precedes the sketch and Bogart's appearance by saying that the show's sponsors told him he didn't make the integrated commercials a sufficiently important part of the show. In case you're not aware, integrated commercials were the practice of most comedy/sketch shows at the time where characters would somehow find an opportunity to recommend the sponsor's product. Well, whether it's true or not that Lucky Strike told Benny to integrate the product more I can't say, but the fact that it happens results in some very funny moments in the Bogart sketch. Imagine this. When the play opens, we hear Lieutenant Benny in voiceover introducing us to the 24th precinct located in the heart of New York's theater district. We then see the detective group room where people from all walks of life come, flotsam and jetsam, hoi and even polloi. The story begins as several detectives go about their affairs with a couple of good-for-nothing culprits brought in to pay for their crimes. Lt. Benny prints out his report on repeat offender Slim Finger Sarah when the door opens and a large audience reaction breaks out. Also clapped hardily and giving a standing ovation are the other detectives in the group room. There, standing in the doorway are Babyface Bogart, evil gunman and notorious killer. Looks like DetectiveSimmons and Ross have arrested him. Since he is the boss, it is now up to Lt. Benny to obtain a confession by the lifelong criminal relating to the murder of a Blinky Mason. Babyface denies knowing anything about Mason's murder despite Benny's tough interrogation tactics. During which tough guy Bogart struggles to keep it together with Jack's usual, dead-pan stare out at the audience. Perhaps the funniest part of the play, which Benny referred to sketches, is Bogie's standard, classic tough-guy delivery of what are essentially Lucky Strike ads inscribed in the story – what I imagine wasn't that small a hands for the sponsor. Imagine the likes of mega-star Humphrey Bogart singing your jingle? As the interrogation concludes, Babyface Bogart pulls his gun on Benny and the other detectives in the group room. Lt. Benny: What are you going to do? Babyface: [aiming gun at Benny] I'm going to put a red eye between them two blue. Lieutenant Benny: Where would you get the gun? Babyface: You didn't healthy me so well when I came in, did ya? Lt. Benny: (shaking his hands up in the air) No. No, when I put my hand in your pocket, I found a dollar bill, and I got so excited, I didn't look anymore. As Lt. Benny toughens up, Babyface bogart tells him he's not so Throw that gun away and I'll show you the real coward. Bogart does just that, he singles the gun aside and Benny runs out of the room. End. Bogart joins Benny on stage after a standard Lucky Strike break during which the star plugs his new film, John Huston's Beat the Devil co-starring Jennifer Jones. More precisely, we see Bogart talking to Benny, but we can't hear him. We know what's going on because Benny is still heard in voiceover as if still part of the play. When we see Benny tell Bogart about his latest picture, the guest makes a quick turn and walks off the stage without a word. Aside from the fact that Humphrey Bogart's appearance on The Jack Benny Program is great fun, it's also a rarity to see Bogart on TV as part of a series. Period. The Benny show appearance was the first of just two he made in the regularly scheduled series. His second appearance was in a Producer's Showcase presentation of The Petrified Forest in 1955 where the star reprised his famous Duke Mantee role from Archie Mayo's 1936 film of the same title. The Bogart Show episode of The Jack Benny Program cast: Jack Benny... Jack Benny / Det. Lt. Benny Humphrey Bogart ... Babyface Bogart Bob Crosby ... Self / Lt. Sgt. Crosby Don Wilson ... Don Wilson / Detective Wilson Sara Berner ... Slim Finger Sara Benny Rubin ... Detective O'Brien Lou Little ... Lucky Strike Commercial Dorothy Collins... Lucky Strike Commercial Fred Graham... Taller Detective with Bogie Ray Kellogg... Arsonist Arsonist