



Original Theatrical Poster

Produced by Arthur Freed and directed by Vincente Minnelli in his Hollywood debut, *Cabin in the Sky* was the first major studio film to feature an all-African American. In the 1940s, movie theaters in many cities, particularly in the south, refused to show films with prominent black performers, so MGM took a considerable financial risk by approving the film.

The film starred Ethel Waters, Eddie “Rochester” Anderson, among others and introduced the new talent, Lena Horne. It was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Original Song for “Happiness is a Thing Called Joe” sung by Ethel Waters.

This program will also feature commentary on the historic significance of *Cabin in the Sky* as well as appropriate cartoons and other special features.



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