



A Look at Al Jolson

Documentary about the legendary entertainer

Runtime: 24 minutes

[Winner at German film festival "Tiefenschaerfe", Nov. 2007]



The Jewish entertainer Al Jolson died in 1950. The film tries to find out what is left of his big success over 55 years after his death.

Is the man who once made the movies talk and who had paved the ways for entertainers like Frank Sinatra or Elvis Presley forgotten or remembered?

40 years after the 60s, the film tries to start a dialogue about this performer, who today is mainly known for using the blackface mask, if he is known at all.

The film focuses on the American public view on Al Jolson and tries to look back to the American cultural and political past in order to understand Jolson's image today.

This view takes place against the background of the Al Jolson Way dedication in New York City in August of 2006.

Previous presentations:

- TV talk show (live) "The New Yorkers", Channel 26, New York City/ USA (March 14, 2007)
- Premiere: Jolson Night, Adelaide/ Australia (March 17, 2007)
- Al Jolson Malta Gathering, Valletta/ Malta (October 14, 2007)

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