

Minnesota Music Hall of Fame Inductee



Judy Garland (1922 - 1969) Inducted in 1991

Frances Ethel Gumm, known to millions of movie fans as Judy Garland, was born in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Garland was the third daughter of vaudeville entertainers Frank and Ethel Gumm. 2 ½ year old Judy gave her first public performance at her father's theater, Christmas of 1924 singing "Jingle Bells." She toured the United States with her sister in musical act until her screen debut in the short film "Every Sunday." Achieving critical notice for the musical "Broadway Melody of 1938," she followed with "Thoroughbreds Don't Cry," a film that initiated her partnership with juvenile star Mickey Rooney. "The Wizard of Oz" in 1939 based on the novel by L. Frank Baum brought Garland international stardom and became a film classic, for which she was honored with a special Academy Award. Nobody worked harder than Garland, nobody equaled her magical Hold over audiences and nobody was Ever so loved by her public!

