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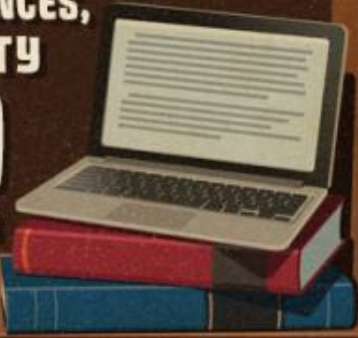


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The 12th Annual West Hollywood Book Fair
Sunday, September 29th, 2013, 10 a.m.
West Hollywood Park & West Hollywood Library



**Meet Legendary Actress, Comedienne,
Singer, and Dancer**

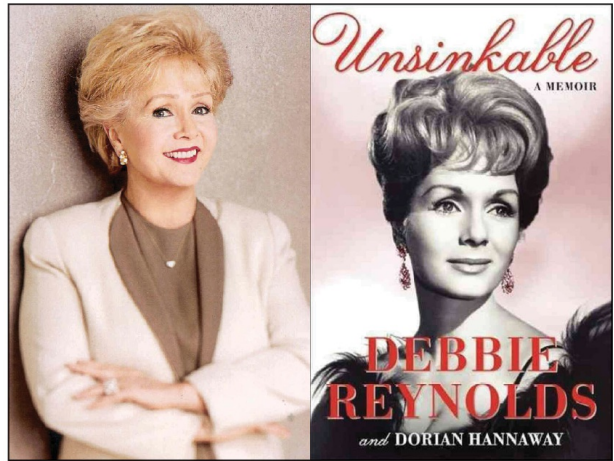
DEBBIE REYNOLDS

**And Join Us for a Very Special
Park Stage Screening of
Singin' in the Rain
to Celebrate Reynolds' New Memoir,
*Unsinkable***

Including a Park Stage In-Conversation at 5:30 p.m., Book Soup In-Booth Signing at 6:15 p.m., followed by an Open-to-the-Public Park Stage Screening at 7:00 p.m. For more information on schedule and start times, please visit WHBF.org for updates.

About *Debbie Reynolds* and *Unsinkable*

The definitive memoir by legendary actress and performer **Debbie Reynolds**—an entertaining and moving story of enduring friendships and unbreakable family bonds, of hitting bottom and rising to the top again—that offers a unique and deeply personal perspective on Hollywood and its elite, from the glory days of MGM to the present. In the closing pages of her 1988 autobiography *Debbie: My Life*, Debbie Reynolds wrote about finding her "brave, loyal, and loving" new husband. After two broken marriages, this third, she believed, was her lucky charm. But within a few years, Debbie discovered that he had betrayed her emotionally and financially, nearly destroying her life.



Today, she writes, "When I read the optimistic ending of my last memoir now, I can't believe how naive I was when I wrote it. In *Unsinkable*, I look back at the many years since then, and share my memories of a film career that took me from the Miss Burbank Contest of 1948 to the work I did in 2012. To paraphrase Bette Davis: Fasten your seatbelts, I've had a bumpy ride."

Unsinkable shines a spotlight on the resilient woman whose talent and passion for her work have endured for more than six decades. In her engaging, down-to-earth voice, Debbie shares private details about her man and money troubles, including building and losing her Las Vegas dream hotel and her treasured Hollywood memorabilia collection. Yet no matter how difficult the problems, the show always goes on.

Debbie also invites us into the close circle of her family, speaking with deep affection and honesty about her relationships with her children, Carrie and Todd Fisher. She looks back at her life as an actress during Hollywood's Golden Age—"the most magical time you could imagine"—including her lifelong friendship with (and years-long estrangement from) the legendary Elizabeth Taylor. Here, too, are stories that never reached the tabloids about numerous celebrities, such as Ava Gardner, Clark Gable, Frank Sinatra, Mick Jagger, Gene Kelly, and many more. She takes us on a guided tour through her movies with delightful, often hilarious behind-the-scenes anecdotes about every film in which she was involved, from 1948 to the present.

Frank and forthright, and featuring dozens of previously unseen photos from Debbie's personal collection, *Unsinkable* is a poignant reminder that there is light in the darkest times. It is a revealing portrait of a woman whose determination is an inspiration.

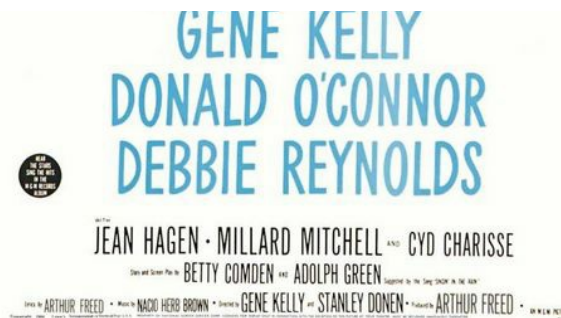
About *Singin' in the Rain*

Decades before the Hollywood film industry became famous for megabudget disaster and science fiction spectacles, the studios of Southern California (and particularly Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer) were renowned for a uniquely American (and nearly extinct) kind of picture known as The Musical.

Indeed, when the prestigious British film magazine *Sight & Sound* conducts its international critics poll in the second year of every decade, this 1952 MGM picture is the American musical that consistently ranks among the 10 best movies ever made. It's not only a great song-and-dance piece starring Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor, and a sprightly Debbie Reynolds; it's also an affectionately funny insider spoof about the film industry's uneasy transition from silent pictures to "talkies."



Kelly plays debonair star Don Lockwood, whose leading lady Lina Lamont (Jean Hagen) has a screechy voice hilariously ill-suited to the new technology (and her glamorous screen image). Among the musical highlights: O'Connor's knockout "Make 'Em Laugh"; the big "Broadway Melody" production number; and, best of all, that charming little title ditty in which Kelly makes movie magic on a drenched set with nothing but a few puddles, a lamppost, and an umbrella.



To **Volunteer** at the West Hollywood Book Fair, please print the following [Volunteer Application Form](#) and follow the instructions to fax it back to the Book Fair Volunteer Coordinator. **Deadline: Applications must be received by September 13, 2013.**

Also, **Bicycle and Stroller Valet** will be provided on-site for those who would like to either go green, get some additional exercise, or bring the family.

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