

Bobby Gordon

Titles: 14 Sources: 1 Stills: 1

Born: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; August 13th 1921



In *"HIS PEOPLE"*, with Rosa Rosanova and Rudolph Schildkraut

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The Moving Picture Boy entry:

“Cheeky Bobby Gordon, who could also be strikingly effective in soulful parts, should not be confused with the much older Robert Gordon (1895-1971, real name Robert Gordon Duncan), who played Huck in the 1917 **"TOM SAWYER"**. Nine-year old Bobby was spotted at a prizefight by the director William

Beaudine, looking for a Jewish boy to play the hated Martin Levy in **"PENROD AND SAM"**. (Racial caricatures are a depressing feature of Booth Tarkington's otherwise likeable *"Penrod"* books, and have undoubtedly assisted them into oblivion. One would rather not recall the names of the little black brothers: Herman and Verman.)

Bobby had many more Jewish parts to play - in "THE COHENS AND THE KELLYS" and "THE JAZZ SINGER", for instance - but seldom such demeaning ones. His biggest parts were in "LAZY LIGHTNING" (26, with the cowboy star Art Acord) and in "A RACE FOR LIFE" (28, with Rin Tin Tin). Bobby stayed in the business until World War Two."

FILMOGRAPHY

Year	Age	Title	Role
23	10	THE COUNTRY KID with Wesley Barry, Walter "Spec" O'Donnell, Bruce Guerin	
23		PENROD AND SAM with Ben Alexander, Joe Butterworth, Buddy Messinger, Newton Hall, Eugene Jackson	as Maurice Levy
24	11	THE GOOD BAD BOY with Joe Butterworth	
24		THE SIGN OF THE CACTUS	
25	12	THE HAPPY WARRIOR with Leon Holmes	
25		HIS PEOPLE	
26	13	THE COHENS AND THE KELLYS with Mickey Bennett	
26		LAZY LIGHTNING	3rd in the cast, as a crippled boy
27	14	THE FORTUNE HUNTER	
27		THE JAZZ SINGER	
27		MOUNTAINS OF MANHATTAN	
27		SINEWS OF STEEL	
27		WHAT EVERY GIRL SHOULD KNOW with Newton House, Mickey McBan	
28	15	A RACE FOR LIFE	