

## **Singin' in the Rain at the Belmont Cinema by David from the Libraries**

The Belmont Cinema was my happy place when I was a moody and anti-social teenager. I would often go there after school to watch all manner of wonderful and obscure films. Sinking into a cinema seat and seeing the world anew was how I would relax. Due to the time of day and the esoteric films being shown it was regularly just me a few other weirdos in the screening. I loved the peacefulness of this after a hectic day.

One of my most memorable trips to the cinema was, however, a very different experience. The Belmont was screening a re-release of the 1952 Technicolor classic *Singin' in the Rain* with Gene Kelly. I bought my ticket as usual and headed to the cinema's Screen 3, the most bijou of its auditoriums. The room was absolutely packed. I had never seen the film before and what unfolded was an irresistible celebration of the Hollywood filmmaking and romance. Even the sullenest of teenagers had to submit.

The screening was a riot with joy and laughter rippling across the room. It felt like I had been warped back to the golden age of Hollywood and cinema going. It was an unforgettable experience.

