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KEVIN SPACEY BOBBY DARIN



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TELEVISION APPEARANCES OF BOBBY DARIN SELECTED BY KEVIN SPACEY

December 3, 2004, to January 13, 2005
Wednesdays to Sundays at 3:00 p.m.

Bobby Darin, a multifaceted singer whose recordings ranged from rock to show music, was also a songwriter, Oscar-nominated actor, and popular nightclub entertainer. Darin's versatility is highlighted in performances personally chosen by Kevin Spacey, director and star of the new Lions Gate Films release on Darin, *Beyond the Sea*. (75 minutes)

"When I was a kid I thought Bobby Darin was the coolest cat that ever walked the face of the earth. I really thought his style, his attack, had echoes of Sinatra, but was his own thing. Once I realized much later the breadth of his musical journey—how he went from rock 'n' roll to pop music, gospel, folk, country and western, and ultimately protest songs against the Vietnam War—when you look at that trajectory in the context that he only had a fourteen-year career, it's a remarkable road."

"In this package you'll see Bobby performing skits and songs including moments with some of the greatest entertainers including Bob Hope, George Burns, and Jimmy Durante. *The Judy Garland Show* clip is one of my favorites. It's remarkable in the context that it was filmed on November 23, 1963, the day after the assassination of President Kennedy, with Bobby and Judy proving the show must go on. There are also moments from Bobby's final televised performance. Though he was gravely ill, you wouldn't know Bobby even had a hangnail."

"My intention and my hope is that we'll introduce Bobby Darin to a whole new generation to whom he isn't known, and quite frankly out of all those guys in the sort of "Rat Pack" revival over the last couple of years, Bobby's been the forgotten one, and that's a real shame because of all of them he was probably, next to Sammy Davis, Jr., the greatest nightclub singer we ever had."

Kevin Spacey

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