

Film Title and Release Date: *Guys and Dolls (1955)*

Length of Film in Minutes: 150 minutes

Film Genre: Crime/Musical

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Guys and Dolls starts out with three gamblers betting on a horse race. They are approached by the head of police, who says he knows that they are a part of an illegal floating crap game led by Nathan Detroit. The gamblers play dumb, but the Lutennient doesn't buy it. The gamblers tell Nathan Detroit that the police found out about his crap game, and Nathan replies that he already knew. He also tells them that none of the places he would usually hold his crap game in will let him, except for The Biltmore Garage. The only issue with that is: the garage demands a \$1000 fee, which Nathan is nowhere near able to pay. At the same time, Nathan's fiancée, a night club dancer named Adelaide, tells him she wants to finally get married after 14 years. She also makes it clear that she wants him to stop gambling. Next, Nathan runs into another gambler, who's name is Sky Masterson. Sky is even more addicted to gambling than Nathan, and will bet on pretty much everything. Nathan takes advantage of this, and bets Sky the \$1000 he needs that he can't take Sarah, a member of the Save a Soul Mission, on a date with him to Havana.

How did you find the film on Kanopy?

I found the movie browsing through the musicals section of Kanopy.

Did the plot keep you interested?

I was mildly interested in the plot. I did think that many of the songs were good, like Luck Be Lady Tonight and Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat. There were others that could have been better, and a few that should have been cut completely. There's no saving them. *Cough cough* Pet Me, Papa *cough cough*.

Was the pacing of the movie too fast, too slow, or just right?

I think the pacing of the movie was a little slow. There are multiple parts that could have been cut, like the random dance sequences.

3 stars: It was okay, I had expected better.

I think the movie was mediocre. Judging by how many people liked it and the couple of songs I'd heard beforehand, I thought it would be better than it was.