

Mickey Mouse in Black and White

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Title	Description
Orphan's Benefit	DATE - August 11, 1934
	DIRECTOR - Burt Gillett
	SUMMARY - An ensemble performance emceed by Mickey includes piano playing, an adagio dance, an operatic number, and numerous attempts by Donald Duck to recite "Little Boy Blue."
	BEHIND THE SHORTS - Although Donald Duck first appeared in <i>The Wise Little Hen</i> (1934), this marks his first appearance in a Mickey Mouse short. Oversized operatic diva Clara Cluck also makes her debut, while <i>Orphan's Benefit</i> is the first cartoon in which Donald Duck and Goofy appear together. This short was so popular, it was remade in color in 1941.
	UNCENSORED - The asbestos stage curtain makes another appearance.
The Dognapper	DATE - November 17, 1934
	DIRECTOR - Dave Hand
	SUMMARY - Pete dognaps Fifi, prompting officers Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck to rescue her from the log mill.
	BEHIND THE SHORTS - Minnie makes a cameo appearance as a picture in the newspaper.
	UNCENSORED - As a law enforcement officer, Mickey carries a gun, while Donald isn't afraid to return fire with his pistol. Pete also backhands Fifi when she bites him.
Two-Gun Mickey	DATE - December 15, 1934
	DIRECTOR - Ben Sharpsteen
	SUMMARY - Cowgirl Minnie thinks she can take care of herself on the prairie, however when she's captured by Pete, Mickey must come to her rescue.
	BEHIND THE SHORTS - The first of many shorts directed by Ben Sharpsteen, who later co-directed <i>Pinocchio</i> .
	UNCENSORED - Pete rolls a cigarette. Minnie points a gun at Pete, which he then bites in half. Mickey is involved with a shootout against the gang of bandits.
Mickey's Service Station	DATE - March 16, 1935
	DIRECTOR - Ben Sharpsteen
	SUMMARY - Pete drops his car off at the service station to get a squeak removed. Auto mechanics Mickey, Donald, and Goofy dismantle the car to find a tiny cricket. They must quickly put the vehicle back together before Pete returns in 10 minutes.
	BEHIND THE SHORTS - One of the shortcuts in early animation was creating characters with only three or four fingers per hand. Mickey and Goofy have only four fingers, as does villain Pete. When Pete demands his car in "ten minutes" and holds up his fingers to demonstrate, audiences (and Pete, for that matter) should notice the difference. This short is prefaced by a "1935" date card.
	UNCENSORED - After Pete steps on a car horn, he thinks our heroes are spitting at him, which prompts him to turn around and fire his gun at them. Also, watch Pete's peg leg when he returns. It shifts from the left leg to the right leg.