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COME BACK TO THE 5 AND DIME JIMMY DEAN, JIMMY DEAN

A film by Robert Altman

CAST

Mona	SANDY DENNIS
Sissy	CHER
Joanne	KAREN BLACK
Juanita	SUDIE BOND
Stella Mae	KATHY BATES
Edna Louise	MARTA HEFLIN
Joe	MARK PATTON
Martha	CAROLINE AARON
Clarissa	RUTH MILLER
Sue Ellen	GENA RAMSEL
Phyllis Marie	ANN RISLEY
Alice Ann	DIANNE TURLEY TRAVIS

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A SANDCASTLE 5 Production

Executive Producer	GIRAUD CHESTER
Edited by	JASON ROSENFIELD
Director of Photography	PIERRE MIGNOT
Production Designer	DAVID GROPMAN
Written by	ED GRACZYK
Produced by	SCOTT BUSHNELL
Directed by	ROBERT ALTMAN
Production Executive	PETER NEWMAN
Costumes by	SCOTT BUSHNELL
Production Manager/First Assistant Director	SONJA WEBSTER
Second Assistant Director	MARLENE ARVAN
Sound Mixers	FRANKLIN STETTNER
	KEITH GARDNER
Re-recording	DICK VORISEK, TRANS/ AUDIO INC.
Sound Editor	ROBERT Q. LOVETT
	AL NAHMIAS
Assistant Editors	DIANE ASNES
	CELESTE HINES
	GINA ROOSE
Script Supervisor	LUCA KOUMELIS
Stage Manager	JOHN BRIGLEB
Camera Operator	MICHAEL LEVINE

CREW

(cont'd)

Camera Assistants	ROBERT REED ALTMAN
	JEAN LEPINE
Gaffer	JONATHAN LUMLEY
Key Grip	TOM GRUNKE
Set Decorator/Props	STEPHEN ALTMAN
Technical Director	JACK CHANDLER
Wardrobe	GREG FAUSS
	BEN WILSON
Makeup	DAVID CRAIG FORREST
Hair	FIDELIO DELLA BARTOLOMEO
Production Coordinator	DOUG COLE

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Songs Performed by the McGuire Sisters Courtesy of MCA Music Inc.

"SINCERELY"

Written by Harvey Fuqua & Alan Freed Courtesy of Arc Music

"IF IT'S A DREAM"

Written by Stella Unger & Victor Young Courtesy of Chappell Music

"SEEMS LIKE OLD TIMES"

Written by Carmen Lombardo & John Jacob Loeb

Courtesy of Harry Fox Agency

"IT MAY SOUND SILLY"
Written by Ivory Joe Hunter
Courtesy of Uni Chappell

"YOU'LL NEVER KNOW TILL MONDAY"
Written by Robert Allen & Al Stillman
Courtesy of Robbins Music Corp.

"ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A SWEETHEART"
Written by Larry Stevens & Harthman Sherwood
Courtesy of Calvert Music Corp.

"I'M IN THE MOOD FOR LOVE"
Written by Jimmy McHugh & Dorothy Fields
Courtesy of Robbins Music Corp.

"THE LAST DANCE"

Written by Sammy Cahn & James Van Huesen Courtesy of Maraville Music Corp.

"MISS YOU"

Written by Charles Tobias, Henry Tobias, & Harry Tobias
Courtesy of Chappell & Co.

"ANSWER ME MY LOVE"

Written by G. Winkler, C. Sigman & Fred Rauch Courtesy of Bourne Co.

"KID'S STUFF"

Written by Bob Perper & Sal Izzo Courtesy of Gil Music Corp.

"MOON LOVE"

Written by David, Davis, Kostelanetz & Tschaikowski Courtesy of Famous Music Co.

"MELODY OF LOVE"

Written by Hans Engleman & Tom Glazer Courtesy of Shapiro & Bernstein and Co.

"HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN?"

Performed by The Statesmen Quartet

Performance Courtesy of RCA

"KEEP ON WALKING"

Performed by Jo Ann Harris
Written by Allan Nichols, Tom Walls & Jeff Wilson
Courtesy of Mr. Nichols Music

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Come Back to the 5 and Dime Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean

Production Notes

From a director who has always been known for his independent spirit,

"Come Back to the 5 and Dime Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean" still comes as a

surprise. From the project's inception through its production and distribution,

everything about the film is experimental.

Robert Altman first became aware of Ed Graczyk's play when it was produced Off-Off Broadway at the Hudson Guild Theater. Mr. Altman, who had decided to take a sabbatical from filmmaking in order to experiment in the theater, decided to bring the play to Broadway. During rehearsals, he became aware of the extraordinary insights that the actors were discovering in their characters, and the fact that the traditional proscenium arch was limiting his ability to get at the core of those characters. He began to see it as a film.

In spite of a critical drubbing of the play, Mr. Altman pressed ahead with his plan to film it. Backing came from Mark Goodson Productions, a company dedicated to exploring new areas after its great success in television production, and from Viacom, which was interested in the cable rights for its Showtime division.

With independent financing of \$800,000 in place, Mr. Altman shot the film in nineteen days in super-16mm, to be blown up to 35mm for release -- a process common to independent filmmakers but new to a major American director of Mr. Altman's stature.

In spite of the low budget (or "proper budget" as Altman prefers to call it), there are several technical innovations used to achieve the effects in the film. Most amazing is the fact that there is not a single optical in the film. The seemingly double-exposed shots and cross-faded transition

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shots were all shot live with the use of specially developed two-way mirrors and computerized lighting. The mirrors were placed between two identical sets and were transparent or reflective depending on the lighting.

Computerized lighting is commonly used in the theater, but was adapted for the first time for use in a film. In order to achieve a good sound mix without sacrificing the intimacy of the performances, Mr. Altman had each actor individually body-miked, and all were recorded on separate tracks for the mix process.

The completed film was barely in the can when Mr. Altman personally shuttled it up to the Montreal World Film Festival for its premiere showing. The reaction in Montreal, as well as in Venice, Deauville and Toronto was so positive that Altman was deluged with offers from the majors to distribute the film. True to the spirit of the film, Altman chose instead to distribute the film through a small new company formed to handle specialized and art films. After seventeen features within the Hollywood system, "Come Back to the 5 and Dime Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean" is Robert Altman's first totally independent film.

ROBERT ALTMAN

(Director)

If there is anything that can be called a common thread in the films of Robert Altman, it is the exploration of new territory. In the last fourteen years Mr. Altman has created a body of work that includes eighteen films as director and another four as producer, and has developed a reputation as one of the world's most respected film-makers. In March, 1979, when an international group of twenty film critics were pooled for their judgements on the best films and directors of the decade, Robert Altman was the only director to have two films on the list. Those films, "Nashville" and "McCabe and Mrs. Miller," along with "MASH" are among the most praised American films of all time. "Nashville" won for Altman the distinction of being the first director to receive both the Best Director and Best Film Awards in the same year from the New York Film Critics' Circle, the National Society of Film Critics and the National Board of Review. It also accumulated ten Academy Award nominations, eleven Golden Globe nominations and awards from Italy, Great Britain and Australia.

ROBERT ALTMAN

(Director)

FILMOGRAPHY

- 1968 Countdown
- 1969 That Cold Day In The Park
- 1970 MASH
- 1971 McCabe and Mrs. Miller
- 1971 Brewster McCloud
- 1971 Images
- 1972 The Long Goodbye
- 1974 Thieves Like Us
- 1974 California Split
- 1975 Nashville
- 1976 Buffalo Bill and the Indians
- 1977 Three Women
- 1978 A Wedding
- 1979 Quintet
- 1979 A Perfect Couple
- 1980 Health
- 1981 Popeye

(Producer)

- 1977 Welcome to L.A. (Directed by Alan Rudolph)
- 1977 The Late Show (Directed by Robert Benton)
- 1978 Remember My Name (Directed by Alan Rudolph)

STAGE

- 1981 2 by South
- 1982 Come Back to the 5 & Dime Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean

OPERA

1982 - The Rake's Progress

(Directed production at University of Michigan)

Sandy Dennis

(Mona)

Sandy Dennis, during the course of her extensive stage and screen work, has been accorded Broadway's and Hollywood's highest honors on more than one occasion. The highlights of her stage performances include two Tony awards: one for Best Supporting Actress in "A Thousand Clowns" and the other for Best Actress in "Any Wednesday." She received an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for her performance as Honey in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" Ms. Dennis has starred in one other filmdirected by Robert Altman -- "That Cold Day in the Park" in 1969.

FILMOGRAPHY

1961 - Splendor In The Grass

1966 - Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

1967 - Up the Down Staircase

1968 - Sweet November

1968 - The Fox

1969 - The Out of Towners

1969 - Thank You All Very Much

1969 - That Cold Day in the Park

1972 - Nasty Habits

1981 - The Four Seasons

Cher

(Sissy)

Cher burst onto the scene in 1965 when Sonny and Cher hit the top ten with their first recording, "Baby Don't Go." Their second single, "I Got You Babe," established them as recording stars and was eventually used as the theme for their immensely popular "Sonny and Cher Comedy Hour," which was telecast from 1971 to 1975. After her divorce from Sonny in 1974, Cher launched her solo career, which included television specials, a variety series and her continuing recording career. Her flamboyant life style, unusual manner of dress, and her outspokenness have made her a media personality able to command a crowd whereever she goes. Cher will next appear in Mike Nichols' film about Karen Silkwood starring opposite Meryl Streep.

Karen Black

(Joanne)

Karen Black's prolific motion picture and stage career have made her one of the most prominent stars in the world. Following an auspicious Broadway debut in "Playroom," for which she was nominated as Best Actress in the Variety New York Drama Critics Poll, her career took off with her appearance in "Five Easy Pieces." Her performance brought her an Academy Award nomination and her first Golden Globe Award. Ms. Black's second Golden Globe came with her performance in "The Great Gatsby."

FILMOGRAPHY

1967 - You're A Big Boy Now

1968 - Hard Contract

1969 - Easy Rider

1970 - Five Easy Pieces

1971 - A Gunfight

1971 - Drive He Said

1971 - Born To Win

1971 - Cisco Pike

1972 - Portnoy's Complaint

1973 - The Pyx

1973 - Rhinoceros

1973 - The Outfit

1974 - The Great Gatsby

1975 - Airport 75

1975 - Law and Disorder

1975 - Day of the Locust

1975 - Nashville

1976 - Family Plot

1981 - Chanel Solitaire

Kathy Bates

(Stella May)

Kathy Bates has performed on Broadway, Off-Broadway, and in regional theatres, has now appeared in three films and has guest-starred on television's "Loveboat." Her stage highlights include her performance in "Fifth of July," and her appearance as a member of the original company in "Vanities," Off-Broadway's longest-running play.

FILMOGRAPHY

1971 - Taking Off

1978 - Straight Time

Sudie Bond

(Juanita)

Although Sudie Bond has many memorable film performances to her credit, she is best known as a stage actress, having appeared in over twenty-five Broadway and Off-Broadway plays. Ms. Bond has made several appearances in popular TV series, including "Maude," "All In The Family," "Barnaby Jones," and "The American Short Story," in addition to being a regular on "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman" and "Flo."

FILMOGRAPHY

1965 - Andy

1965 - A Thousand Clowns

1967 - The Tiger Makes Out

1970 - Love Story

1971 - Cold Turkey

1971 - They Might Be Giants

1972 - Tomorrow

Marta Heflin

(Edna Louise)

Marta Heflin has made several appearances Off-Broadway, in regional theaters, and has starred on Broadway in "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Hair," and "Fiddler On The Roof." Ms. Heflin has worked with Robert Altman on two previous occasions -- in 1978 in "A Wedding" and in 1979 in "A Perfect Couple."

FILMOGRAPHY

1976 - A Star is Born

1978 - A Wedding

1979 - A Perfect Couple