

Amadee J. Van Beuren

Animations from 1928 to 1936



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Life & Education

- Born July 10th 1880 in New York
- Son of Alfred Vignot and Marietta Ferguson Van Beuren
- Went to both public and private grade schools, then attended college to study business.
- Ran Van Beuren Studios from 1928 to 1936
- Died of a heart attack in 1938 at the age of 58
- Survived by 2 brothers and a sister

Aesop's Fables Studio

- Van Beuren first became interested in animation in 1920
- Partnered with Paul Terry to create the Aesop's Film Fables
- Terry created the cartoons and Van Beuren worked on other aspects of the business.
- In 1921 the studio released a series called *The Goose That Laid the Golden Eggs*
 - At the end of the shorts they had humorous "morals"
 - "Marriage is a good institution, but who wants to live in an institution?"
- In October 1928 the studio released *Dinner Time*.
 - This was the first cartoon ever released with a synchronized soundtrack.
- In 1929 Terry left the studio to create the Terrytoons Studio
- Aesop's Fables Studio then became Van Beuren Studios

Dinner Time(1928)



Van Beuren Studios

- Produced theatrical cartoons from 1928 to 1936
- Released films through RKO Radio Productions
- Productions Included
 - Tom and Jerry
 - The Little King
 - Amos 'n' Andy
- "Rainbow Parade" cartoons
 - Hired Tom Palmer from Walt Disney Studios
 - Cartoons included "Felix the Cat" and the "Toonerville Gang"
- RKO stopped distributing for Van Beuren Studios and shifted to Walt Disney Studios

Wot A Night(1931): Tom and Jerry



Questions?