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Madison will dedicate state historical marker

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker is scheduled for May 19, 2006. The state historical marker honoring Irene Dunne will be dedicated at 4:00 pm EDT, at 105 E. Main Street in front of the Ohio Theatre in Madison.

The text follows for the state marker entitled "Irene Dunne":

Born in Louisville, Kentucky 1898; after father's death, moved with family to Madison. Graduated from Madison High School 1916. After voice training in Indianapolis and Chicago, began singing professionally. Won lead in road show of Florenz Ziegfeld's *Show Boat* 1929. Began Hollywood career 1930; in 42 films; nominated for five Academy Awards. Dunne maintained ties with Madison, which has honored her; she helped with restoration of Broadway Fountain 1976. She received Laetare Medal from University of Notre Dame 1949. President Dwight Eisenhower named her an alternate delegate to United Nations General Assembly 1957; was Kennedy Center Honors Awardee 1985. Died 1990 in Los Angeles.

Everyone is invited to attend this dedication recognizing the life and career of a major Hollywood actress in her hometown.

Historical markers commemorate significant Indiana individuals, places, and events, and they help communities throughout Indiana promote, preserve, and present their history for the education and enjoyment of residents and tourists of all ages. Via the Internet, that history reaches a worldwide audience.

For more than 80 years the Indiana Historical Bureau, an agency of the State of Indiana, has been marking Indiana history. Since 1947, the marker format has been the large roadside marker, which has the familiar dark blue background with gold lettering and the outline of the state of Indiana at the top. There are more than 470 of these markers across the state.

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