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**Laurel & Hardy's Laughing 20's** - Released June 1965 in Virginia and November 17, 1965 in New York.

With the exception of the beginning clips of Stan Laurel's & Oliver Hardy's solo performances, the entire compilation was taken from sources of the Hal Roach Studios library.

Clips from the comedies of Charley Chase and Max Davidson are also included in this film.

Robert Youngson graduated from New York University, and received a master's degree from the Graduate School of Business Administration at Harvard University.

He wrote and produced a long series of historical short subjects for Warner Brothers. He was nominated six times for an Academy Award for Best Live Action Short Film (one reel) and two of which won him Academy Awards. Most of his feature films took an affectionate look back at the fads and lifestyles of the 1920's. Youngson's narration was nostalgic in tone, unlike the facetious commentaries that usually accompanied silent-film revivals like *Gaslight Follies* (1945) and Warners' compilations of Mack Sennett comedies. Youngson also produced a feature-length documentary for Warner Brothers, *Fifty Years Before Your Eyes* (1950).

Among Robert Youngson's other compilation films are *The Golden Age Of Comedy* (1957), *When Comedy Was King* (1960), *Days Of Thrills And Laughter* (1961), *30 Years Of Fun* (1963), *The Big Parade Of Comedy* (1964) and *The Four Clowns* (1970).

He spent \$75,000 to make this film. Domestically, *Laurel & Hardy's Laughing 20's* grossed \$431,000 and worldwide it grossed \$1,200,000. There was a net profit of \$361,000.

In 1967, Robert Youngson made another film compilation dedicated entirely to Laurel & Hardy titled *The Further Perils Of Laurel & Hardy*.

The opening title action sequence was borrowed from Laurel & Hardy's 1935 sound short comedy *Thicker Than Water*.

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