

# Death from a Distance

*Death from a Distance* is a 1935 American mystery film film directed by Frank R. Strayer and starring Russell Hopton, Lola Lane and George F. Marion. The film's sets were designed by the art director Edward C. Jewell.

It was the first feature film broadcast on U.S. commercial television, on July 2, 1941, during the first week of official commercial broadcasts on NBC's New York television station WNBT-TV.

## Plot summary

While a distinguished astronomer is giving a lecture in a planetarium, a shot rings out and one of the audience member is found dead. A tough detective and a brassy female reporter lock horns as they both try to break the case.

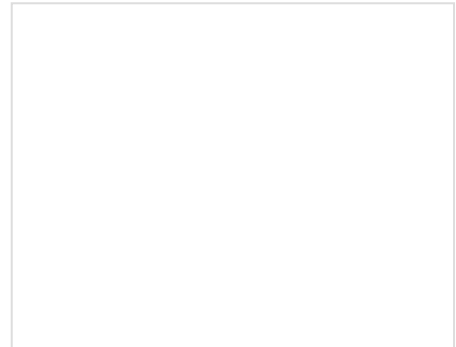
## Cast

- Russell Hopton as Det. Lt. Ted Mallory
- Lola Lane as Kay Palmer
- George F. Marion as Jim Gray
- Lee Kohlmar as Prof. Ernst Einfeld
- John St. Polis as Prof. Trowbridge
- Lew Kelly as Det. Regan
- E.H. Calvert as District Attorney
- Wheeler Oakman as Langsdale, aka George Fremont
- Robert Frazer as Morgan
- Cornelius Keefe as Clay Gorman
- John Davidson as Ahmad Haidru
- John Dilson as Newspaper Editor McConnell
- Herb Vigran as the Police Photographer

## External links

- "Happy Birthday, TV" Variety, July 1, 2011 <http://www.variety.com/article/VR1118039380>
- *Death from a Distance* (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0027504/>) on IMDb
- *Death from a Distance* ([https://archive.org/details/death\\_from\\_a\\_distance](https://archive.org/details/death_from_a_distance)) is available for free download at the Internet Archive

### *Death from a Distance*



Lobby card

<b>Directed by</b>	Frank R. Strayer
<b>Produced by</b>	Maury M. Cohen
<b>Written by</b>	John W. Krafft
<b>Starring</b>	Russell Hopton br>Lola Lane George F. Marion
<b>Music by</b>	Sidney Cutner
<b>Cinematography</b>	M. A. Anderson
<b>Edited by</b>	Roland D. Reed
<b>Production company</b>	Invincible Pictures
<b>Distributed by</b>	Chesterfield Pictures
<b>Release date</b>	September 17, 1935
<b>Running time</b>	68 minutes
<b>Country</b>	United States
<b>Language</b>	English

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