

# Midnight Shadow

*Midnight Shadow* is a 1939 film with an all African-American cast. It was directed and produced by George Randol, who was also African American.

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## Plot

The mind-reading Prince Alihabad *courts* a girl from Oklahomam played by Frances E. Redd. Her parents want to make her happy, but they do not like that Alihabad worships *Allah*. A killer is on the loose and locals fear that it might be Alihabad.

## Cast

- Frances Redd as Margaret Wilson
- Buck Woods as Lightfoot
- Richard Bates as Jr. Lingley
- Clinton Rosemond as Mr. Dan Wilson
- Jesse Lee Brooks as Sergeant Ramsey
- Edward Brandon as Buster Barnett
- Ollie Ann Robinson as Mrs. Emma Wilson
- Laurence Criner (billed as John Criner) as Prince Alihabad
- Pete Webster (actor) as John Mason
- Ruby Dandridge as Mrs. Lingley
- Napoleon Simpson as Mr. Ernest Lingley

## Book coverage

The film was briefly discussed in terms of plot and as an African-American production in the books *Hollywood Be Thy Name: African American Religion in American Film, 1929-1949*<sup>[1]</sup> and *Whispered Consolations: Law and Narrative in African American Life*.<sup>[2]</sup>

### *Midnight Shadow*

<b>Directed by</b>	George Randol
<b>Produced by</b>	George Randol Alfred N. Sack
<b>Screenplay by</b>	Arthur Reed
<b>Starring</b>	Frances Redd Ollie Ann Robinson Clinton Rosemond Laurence Criner
<b>Music by</b>	Johnny Lange Lew Porter
<b>Cinematography</b>	Arthur Reed
<b>Edited by</b>	Robert Jahns
<b>Production company</b>	George Randol Productions
<b>Distributed by</b>	Sack Amusement Enterprises
<b>Release date</b>	1939
<b>Running time</b>	54 min
<b>Country</b>	United States
<b>Language</b>	English

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## External links

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- [Midnight Shadow](http://www.tcm.turner.com/tcmdb/title/title.jsp?stid=319749) (<http://www.tcm.turner.com/tcmdb/title/title.jsp?stid=319749>) at the TCM Movie Database
- [Midnight Shadow](https://catalog.afi.com/Catalog/moviedetails/2243) (<https://catalog.afi.com/Catalog/moviedetails/2243>) at the American Film Institute Catalog
- "Ruth Lankford Redd Accompanies the Negro Community Chorus of Columbia, Missouri" (<http://cdm.sos.mo.gov/cdm/singleitem/collection/aanemo/id/157/rec/1>), undated photograph from Columbia, MO includes [John Roland Redd's](#) sisters Ruth Lankford Redd (accompanist) and Frances Elizabeth Redd, Collection: African Americans in Northeast Missouri, Hannibal Free Library

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