



“FURY”

WHEN: Friday, May 8, 2015 at 5:30 P.M.

WHERE: The Main Reading Room of the Baltimore Bar Library (Room 618)
Clarence Mitchell, Jr. Courthouse (100 North Calvert Street)

COST: \$5.00 – Light refreshments, included in the cost, will be served.

Spencer Tracy, Fritz Lang, Walter Brennan & Toto Too

“Fury” is the story of Joe Wilson (Spencer Tracy), who en route to meet his fiancée, Katherine Grant (Sylvia Sydney), is arrested on flimsy circumstantial evidence for the kidnapping of a child. Gossip soon travels around the small town, growing more distorted through each retelling, until a mob gathers at the jail with the intention of lynching the prisoner. Directed by Fritz Lang, making his American directorial debut, the film also stars Walter Brennan who would win his first of three Oscars for that year’s production of “Come And Get It,” which, like “Fury,” was made in 1936. For lovers of fun facts, the part of Wilson’s dog Rainbow was played by a canine actor named Terry, better known for another film role he would play three years later, that of Toto. The film received an Academy Award nomination for Best Writing, Original Story. In 1995, it was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry by the Library of Congress as being deemed “culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant.”

In “***Alistair Cooke At The Movies***,” the legendary broadcaster and journalist describes “Fury” as sociologically profound, “the best film of this and maybe of any other coming year,” and “a film of fundamental social significance.” He states “Where ‘Fury’ passes superbly beyond the apt melodrama of ‘Barbary Coast’ and ‘Frisco Kid’ and even ‘The Birth of a Nation’ is in exhibiting and diagnosing the kind of emotion that unites nice middle-class people in obscene hysteria.”

TICKETS: May be purchased at the Library or through the mail. Checks should be made out to the Bar Library. Although tickets may be purchased at the door, for the purpose of ordering refreshments, please let us know if you think you might be attending. For more information telephone 410-727-0280 or e-mail us at jwbennett@barlib.org.