

# Gene Kelly centenary

■ **1912:** Born August 23, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, United States

■ **1939:** Appears on Broadway in ***The Time of Your Life***, dancing to his own choreography

■ **1940:** Lead role in Rodgers and Hart's ***Pal Joey*** propels him to stardom

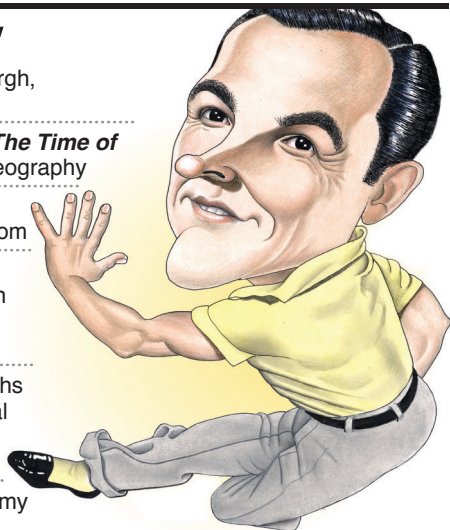
■ **1945:** Movie ***Anchors Aweigh***, featuring Kelly's dance routines with animated Jerry Mouse and duets with ***Frank Sinatra***, is major hit

■ **1951-52:** Co-directs, choreographs and stars in two all-time film musical greats, ***An American in Paris*** and ***Singin' in the Rain***

■ **1952:** Receives Honorary Academy Award for career achievements

■ **Later career:** Continues to promote art of dance on stage, film and television in U.S. and France

■ **1996:** Dies February 2, aged 83



■ Other awards include: ***Chevalier du Legion d'Honneur***, ***Kennedy Center Honors***, and ***Lifetime Achievement Awards*** from ***American Film Institute*** and ***Screen Actors Guild***