

BENITA HUME BIO

British actress Benita Hume began her London stage career at the age of 17. Two years later, she made her first film, *The Happy Ending* (1925). Among her earliest screen credits was 1926's *Easy Virtue*, written by Noel Coward and directed by Alfred Hitchcock. In Hollywood from 1932, Hume was at her best in sophisticated roles, notably as the title character in *Worst Woman in Paris?* (1933). She retired from films in 1938 to devote more time to her husband, actor Ronald Colman. Colman and Hume were frequent guests of radio's Jack Benny Program, playing Benny's long-suffering next-door neighbors; they also co-starred in the erudite radio situation comedy *The Halls of Ivy*, which ran from 1950 to 1952 and which became a TV series in 1954. After Colman's death in 1958, Benita Hume married an old friend, actor George Sanders; it was a happy union for both, one that lasted until Hume's own death in 1967.