

Mickey Mouse in Living Color

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Title	Description
The Band Concert	DATE - February 23, 1935
	DIRECTOR - Wilfred Jackson
	SUMMARY - Mickey leads an outdoor band (including Goofy, Horace Horsecollar, and Clarabelle Cow) in a rousing rendition of the "William Tell Overture," but pesky ice cream vendor Donald Duck keeps leading them astray with his flute-playing of "Turkey in the Straw."
	BEHIND THE SHORTS - It took three years after the first color cartoon, the 1932 Silly Symphony <i>Flowers and Trees</i> , for Mickey to make his debut in Technicolor. Walt felt at the time that the Mickey shorts were popular enough without the addition, but eventually decided that it was time for his star to get colorized. He wanted to insure that the first color Mickey would be special. Two more black and white Mickey shorts (<i>Mickey's Service Station</i> and <i>Mickey's Kangaroo</i>) were released after <i>The Band Concert</i> . From then on, all Disney cartoons were in color.
Mickey's Garden	DATE - July 13, 1935
	DIRECTOR - Wilfred Jackson
	SUMMARY - Mickey and Pluto protect their vegetable garden from bugs. But when Mickey gets a whiff of the bug poison, our hero hallucinates that he and Pluto have shrunk down to the size of their nemeses.
	BEHIND THE SHORTS - Includes allusions to such future shorts as <i>The Pointer</i> (1939) and the "Mickey and the Beanstalk" segment of <i>Fun and Fancy Free</i> (1947). This cartoon features the first on-screen appearance of Mickey's trademark red shorts.
	UNCENSORED - Bugs get drunk on Mickey's insecticide.
On Ice	DATE - September 28, 1935
	DIRECTOR - Ben Sharpsteen
	SUMMARY - Mickey shows off ice skating for Minnie, but must rescue Donald when he's nearly blown over a frozen waterfall. Meanwhile, Goofy tries a new form of ice fishing.
	BEHIND THE SHORTS - Precursor to the ice skating scene in <i>Bambi</i> .
	UNCENSORED - Goofy uses chewing tobacco to catch fish.
Pluto's Judgment Day	DATE - August 31, 1935
	DIRECTOR - Dave Hand
	SUMMARY - After Mickey chastises Pluto for chasing cats, the dog has a nightmare where he is made to stand on trial before a jury... composed entirely of cats!
	BEHIND THE SHORTS - The title says it all; Mickey hardly appears.
	UNCENSORED - Cats in black face sing of Pluto's misdeeds.
Mickey's Fire Brigade	DATE - August 3, 1935
	DIRECTOR - Ben Sharpsteen
	SUMMARY - Mickey, Donald, and Goofy come to the aid of Clarabelle, who is relaxing in the bath, completely unaware that her house is on fire.
	BEHIND THE SHORTS - When Donald chases the little fire imps, they tap out "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf" on the piano.
Thru the Mirror	DATE - May 30, 1936
	DIRECTOR - Dave Hand
	SUMMARY - After falling asleep while reading Lewis Carroll's <i>Alice Through the Looking Glass</i> , Mickey steps through his bedroom mirror into a parallel universe inhabited with anthropomorphic objects.
	BEHIND THE SHORTS - The barking footstool is reminiscent of a similar character in <i>Beauty and the Beast</i> (1991). Mickey's dance with the gloves is paid homage in <i>Aladdin</i> 's (1992) "Friend Like Me" number.