The Grindhouse
Posted by Kradlo - 2007/04/07 22:04

My wife and my niece Jasmine just saw the new double feature from Quentin Tarantino and Robert Rodriguez, The Grindhouse. We had a blast!

Do go see it. We're buying it as soon as it's available on DVD.

The cheese factor is HIGH.

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The Grindhouse
Posted by Ghenghis Ska - 2007/04/07 22:13

Planning on seeing it tommorrow, was busy setting up and painting a DoE today ;)

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The Grindhouse
Posted by L - 2007/04/07 22:49

Saw it earlier tonight with some friends. What a movie! I slightly preferred the Tarantino half, just because it was an actual MOVIE instead of just a long sort of knowing wink, but both are definitely enjoyable. And for people who are really into this kinda thing, it may be just about the perfect movie.

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"I never miss"

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The Grindhouse
Posted by Kradlo - 2007/04/08 09:58

I got a kick out of the faux trailers. My favorite is "Werewolf Women of the SS," directed by Rob Zombie.

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The Grindhouse
Posted by L - 2007/04/08 10:05

The trailers were some of the best stuff, I thought. Certainly I loved "Machete," with "They with the wrong Mexican!"

I told my (mexican) wife that her brothers would really love that, and they would.

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The Grindhouse

Posted by Kradlo - 2007/04/08 16:20

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Yeah, Machete was a good one. You've got to love Cheech Marin as a killer Catholic priest. "God has mercy. I don't."

My wife loved the little tie-ins to some of Tarantino's other pics, like the sheriff from Kill Bill Vol. 1,and the reference to the Big Kahuna Burger.

I liked Jungle Julia dropping the reference to Zatoichi. That's Tarantino showing his love of the Japanese samurai drama.

I'm going to have to rent Dirty Mary, Crazy Larry and Vanishing Point, along with the original Gone in Sixty Seconds. Tarantino just reminds us how much we enjoyed those actions flicks from the Seventies.

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Posted by Ghenghis Ska - 2007/04/08 18:41

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"Machete" was the best, "Don't" was just "Why"!?

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Posted by Wereweasel - 2007/04/08 22:24

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GREAT movies!!!

But Thanksgiving will never be the same.

BTW, if you haven't seen it yet (and you remain after the first feature), DON"T leave during the intermission.

My bro did, and it was his loss!

BTW, I totally agree with Kradlo, as I will also be grabbing the DVD (special edition, hopefully) upon release.

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The Grindhouse
Posted by Stefan - 2007/04/09 21:44

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can't wait to see it....I'm a huge Tarantino fan...

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The Grindhouse
Posted by L - 2007/04/10 12:56

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Such a shame it bombed so badly. Though I'm not sure why so many people are surprised. Granted, I thought it could do $20m, even though I never thought it would approach 300 (the movie, not the gross). Still, people seem to think it's a matter of intelligence or appreciation of irony, when really it strikes me as just a matter of personal preference. Some people just don't have an interest in this particular genre of movie -- not because they don't "get it" but because showing something outrageously violent and cheap and saying "But it's a joke!" won't make them like it any more.

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The Grindhouse
Posted by jkratzer - 2007/04/10 13:08

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I like Tarantino (Kill Bill Forever - and it should take so long!) and I thought Spy Kids 1-3 were some of the BEST Kid-dult flicks EVER.
BUT, I just couldn't get interested in seeing Grindhouse. I hope it does well in DVD release, because I DO want those two guys to continue making movies!
Just not like these two.

Jim

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The Grindhouse
Posted by Kradlo - 2007/04/10 15:57

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Tastes differ, Jim, which is why they make ice cream in so many flavors. My wife and I are buying

Grindhouse as soon as it comes out on DVD. We may go see it again in the theaters first.

Kurt Russell must have had a ball playing Stuntman Mike.

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The Grindhouse
Posted by L - 2007/04/10 16:04

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I don't want to give anything away, but I turned to a friend of mine after the movie, and he's a big Kurt Russell fan, and I asked "So do you still like Kurt Russell?" And he had a big grin on his face and he said "Even more! I mean, he agreed to be in this, and it looks like he had a blast!" It is true -- you have to admire Russell for taking this part. It seems designed to make him look bad, in more ways than one. I mean it just systematically wreaks havoc on the image of the type of character he's known for. But it's great. I really liked "Death Proof."

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The Grindhouse
Posted by Ghenghis Ska - 2007/04/10 20:58

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I have to say, when i first heard about Grindhouse i was really worried about it, not that it was a scarey movie or anything like that, but that it was stupid. Then i saw an interview Tarantino did on the night show circuit and i got what they were trying to do. After that i realized that yeah it was suppossed to be that over the top. I got what they were going for, and i liked that idea, so i was all for. I passed on 300 to go see it.

While as i kid i never really went to a "Grindhouse" type movie theater (the massive exploation movies) but i was a Navy kid and i remember going to see a number of double features of B-movies on the army base. Saw many Godzilla movies and Star Wars loads and loads of times. So i could relate to what they were going for, and i had a blast. Heck may go see it again.

But i must say i was suprissed that there were so few people in the theater, i figured it was the matanee i went to, but if it tanked that would make sense.

I too liked Death Proof better, but i wonder if it is just becuase it had less of that "worn" look too it. I noticed it when they got to the Vanishing Point car place. that this one was much "cleaner". Or if it was just less over the top in parts, or just that i'm not an infection zombie movie fan, or maybe all of them.

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The Grindhouse
Posted by jackattack - 2007/04/10 22:32

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I think the advertising may have actually hurt them.

All of it that I've seen has centered on the woman with a machine gun as a prosthetic leg. In addition to being a fairly controversial image, which will keep certain movie-goers away, I suspect that it is also the big payoff in that segment of the movie -- yet another example of the trailers showing too darn much. It would have been better to concentrate on the zombies, and some cuts from BEFORE the peg-leg rampage.

In addition, they could show a little more of the Kurt Russell segments. In the ads, you only see him a couple of times, very briefly, which initially made me think he has a minor role (as the big-name actor who lends credibility to the project).

Grindhouse isn't my cuppa. But I will go against type if the advertising is done well, and makes me think that the movie will be entertaining. Silly gimmicky violence and flashes of stars without any dialog to give them context does not move me to go to the theater.

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Posted by Wereweasel - 2007/04/11 00:10

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I'm actually shocked to hear it's not doing well at the box-office!

The theater I was in was (essentially) full and the audience had a great time of it. I could tell that from both the reactions inside the theatre and from the talk outside afterwards.

We're known for being avid movie-goers in this city, but I didn't realise it until now.

Anyway, it's rough news as I would have really liked to have seen another one "canned".

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The Grindhouse

Posted by fiddy - 2007/04/16 16:00

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My manager talked myself and another project lead to skip out of work on Friday to catch it (left work at 11 to catch the noon show). Great movie(s)! Thought Planet Terror was the better of the two, Death Proof was a little slow in getting moving (in my opinion).

And best of all, I've heard rumors that they're talking about actually making the Machete movie (direct-to-dvd only, but still...).

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Posted by carnivore - 2007/04/17 00:05

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If they make the Machete movie ... I'll be really happy.

Grind house was a great flick, really enjoyable.

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