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'Heart and Souls. . .' 'Spiritually' sentimental



Penny (Alfre Woodard, left), Julia (Kyra Sedgwick), Thomas (Robert Downey, Jr.), Harrison (Charles Grodin) and Milo (Tom Sizemore learn to "Walk Like a Man" while trying to reclaim missing pieces of their lives.

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"Heart and Souls" Starring Robert Downey, Jr., Kyra Sedgwick and Elisabeth Shue Directed by Ron Underwood Rated PG-13 Playing at Cinema III

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Watching "Heart and Souls" is a once in a lifetime experience. It gives you a good excuse to hysterically laugh and cry at the same time.

The universal theme of the movie is about taking time to appreciate life while you have the chance. "Heart and Souls" takes this theme and wraps it around in a whimsical, lighthearted way in some parts and then unravels to its deeper meaning in others.

The way the story starts is through very short, choppy segments set in the 1960s revealing the lives of four very distinctive people. These four, played by Kyra Sedgwick, Charles Grodin, Tom Sizemore and Alfre Woodard all end up on a bus which crashes and kills them.

The only catch is, they're not totally dead et. They're invisible spirits. But to Thomas Reilly (Robert Downey, Jr.) they're not invisi-

It is through Thomas that many fascinating things happen to these four spunky spirits.

The four "ghosts" consist of Harrison (Grodin) - a very shy talented singer, Penny (Woodard) - a caring mother, Milo (Sizemore) - a macho swinging single and Julia (Sedgwick) — a sweet young girl who never gets the chance to live the long life she always hoped for. Each character has his own identity and this

adds sweetness to the sad parts of the movie.

All four of the ghostly characters have a remarkable talent of making acting like a spirit seem easy.

But Downey and Sedgwick definitely stand out among the rest. When their characters reveal their true feelings, it's these two who make the tears flow.

Julia is the open-minded spirit who wants everyone to be happy before they die. While Thomas is the alive one, he transforms from an egotistical uncaring guy to a sensitive man in love with his girlfriend (Elisabeth Shue).

Think of this movie as "Ghost" meets 'Prelude to a Kiss.

Though some parts of the film are a tad corny, the silly scenes make sense in the end. For every inch of laughter "Heart and Souls"



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