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'The Nightmare Before Christmas...' Delicious tale scares & delights

By Jacqueline Ayotte THE BATTALION

"The Nightmare Before Christmas"
Featuring voices of Catherine O'Hara,
Chris Sarandon and Glenn Shadix
Directed by Henry Selick
Rated PG

Playing at Schulman VI 's decrepitly delightful, mortifyingly majestic and splendidly strange. Tim Burton's new stop-motion animated holiday film,

Nightmare Before Christmas," cannot be de-scribed in simple, unadorned terms. The film itself

couldn't be further from plain, nor could its meticulous production, its wondrously created characters or its clever fairy tale- nightmare sto-With the surreal

feel of "Edward Scissorhands" combined with the ingeniously produced live-action animation of "Who Framed Roger Rabbit," "The Nightmare Before Christmas" signifies the season's most spectacular movie-going experience.
The film is set in the "holiday worlds

of old," where every holiday has its own town and all its townspeople prepare year-round for their one special holiday In the ghoulishly delightful Hal-

loweentown, the skinny, skeleton-headed Jack Skellington is the leading "Pumpkin

King."
He's growing bored of the same humdrum holiday, Halloween, when he acci-

dentally discovers Christmastown, a very bright, loving and joyful place. This festive town impresses him so much, he decides to kidnap Santa Claus and is determined to "make Christmas" this year, rather than Halloween.

Only Sally, a thoughtful, rag doll who loves Jack from afar, envisions that this could be a big mistake.

Chris Sarandon is the soulful sound behind Jack's speaking voice, while Danny Elfman provides Jack with a perfectly melancholy singing voice.

Though Jack may appear to be skinnier than a pair of chopsticks and scarier than a weathered skull, his elegant walk and won-

drous voice reveal indeed a very fragile, vulnerable and caring side. In addition,

Catherine O'Hara speaks and sings the part of Sally, the lonely rag doll. Although Sally can un-

stitch her arm and come apart at the seams in an instant, the fact that she cares so much brings the feeling of Christmas to Halloweentown.

With the addition of many strange looking yet lovable characters, the scenes come alive with musical wonder.
With utterly fascinating production

quality, humorously surreal characters and a story line that scares, touches and delights, "The Nightmare Before Christis a wondrous invention just waiting to be watched by anyone who loves a twisted Christmas tale.

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"The Nightmare Before Christmas" Music by Danny Elfman Walt Disney Records

There's even more mystery in store with a ghoulishly delightful soundtrack of Tim Burton's "The Nightmare Before Christmas.

Coinciding with the release of the stop-motion animated film, the album features ten wonderfully mysterious songs and a score by Danny Elfman, a renowned composer/songwriter and lead singer of the rock group Oingo Boingo.

The soundtrack is a bizarre interpretation of an off the wall adventure. Elfman's musical interludes are similar to a delicately amusing Pink Floyd sound, combined with a festive feeling of Christmas. Sound strange? It is, but in a delightful way.

Children's two favorite holidays, Halloween and Christmas, are brought together by the voices of Catherine O'Hara, Glenn Shadix, Ken Page, Paul Reubens, Ed Ivory and Danny Elfman.

This is one festive soundtrack that's perfectly appropriate from the scary days of Halloween to the jolly days of Christmas.



'Fatal Instinct's' spoof attempt sputters

'Too much time for too many allusions'

By Joe Leih

THE BATTALION

"Fatal Instinct" Starring Armand Assante, Kate Nelligan, Sean Young and Sherilyn Fenn Directed by Carl Reiner Rated PG-13 Playing at Post Oak III

Director Carl Reiner has truly ventured into the cultish underworld of the spoof

with his new film "Fatal Instinct. He packs in a walloping amount of satirical film references and breathes new life into the meaning of ridicule.

Still, there is one small problem — it ain't

With help from screenwriter David O'Malley, Reiner smothers the humor by allowing too much time for too many allusions. The sheer quantity kills the underdeveloped comic ideas and the film looks busy, rough and spread far too thin.

The story revolves around Ned Ravine (Armand Assante), a cop/defense attorney who is heroic but surprisingly dumb. His wife Lana (Kate Nelligan) mercilessly takes advantage of his lacking intelligence and sleeps around, plotting to kill him for a hefty

life insurance policy.

Meanwhile, the oblivious Ned resists his seductive client, Lola (Sean Young), and ignores his infatuated secretary, Laura (Sherilyn Fenn).

The actors do attempt to shine through O'Malley's overzealous slapstick with excessive overacting, but it's not funny or even slightly amusing. In fact, they just look stiff and strained.

of comedy. Scenes where a zealous law clerk dives out a window and a distracted Ned is hit by a bus do warrant some chuckles.

But overall, the gags lack the simple so-phistication of such classics as "Airplane" "Naked Gun."

"Instinct" just misses its comedy mark the laughs are seldom and very few.

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