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## REEL CRITIQUE



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### "The Whole Ten Yards" Warner Bros. Studios Starring: Bruce Willis, Matthew Perry, Amanda Peet

Once again audiences are kept laughing by eccentric hit men and friends in "The Whole Ten Yards." The witty characters from the prequel, "The Whole Nine Yards," return to the screen to give audiences another 90 minutes full of farcical laughs.

Bruce Willis as Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeski and Matthew Perry playing "Oz" Oseransky, give the same amusing contrast of a tough murderer befriending the geek, though with a bit of a twist this time. Amanda Peet and Natasha Henstridge play Jill and Cynthia, Jimmy and Oz's wives and help add to the comedic action. Kevin Pollak also makes a stunning return appearance but as a different character this time around. He now por-

trays Lazlo Gogolak, the father of Janni Gogolak who he played in the prequel.

With the return of a head mobster recently out of jail, the now dormant Jimmy and Oz are disturbed and become and problematic for them, yet entertaining audiences. Jimmy retains some of his qualities throughout the journey, yet he's on the brink of a life crisis, which is unbecomingly an ex-murderer but also for Bruce Willis. Though the individual characters keep their rolling with their own different traits, the similar to the prequel and tends to become monous at particular points.

The musical score for this comedy is able and filled with some typical "musounding" tunes. Pollak's makeup is interesting because it is still noticeably him, yet it makes him look different at the same time. The score is very basic, but there are some darling of Mexican landscapes.

"The Whole Ten Yards" is a nonsensical that will help put the audiences in a relaxed. This is a highly enjoyable movie that is given a rainy day and a couple of cheap laughs. The most well known for his part as the jokester Chandler Bing on "Friends," is an interesting reason to go see "The Whole Ten Yards."

- Christina Tichauer

## HOME THEATER



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### "House of Sand and Fog" Dreamworks Pictures Starring: Shohreh Aghdashloo, Ben Kingsley, Jennifer Connelly

Something seems to be lost in translation with "House of Sand and Fog." Based on the critically-acclaimed novel, the film strives to be a tragic exploration of the American dream. Unfortunately, the movie falls victim to a collision of unrealistic events and unsympathetic characterization.

Jennifer Connelly plays Kathy, a young woman who has her house repossessed and auctioned off due to a clerical error. Ben Kingsley plays Behrani, a former colonel in the Iranian air force who takes the chance to restore his fallen family to its once proud standing by buying the house at a fraction of what it is worth and then selling it later at four times the price.

What began as a desperate attempt to capture the key to what they believed to be their happiness leads two strangers down a dark path of mistakes and, eventually, tragedy.

The audience is dropped into the movie without explanation. It is up to the viewers to piece together clues and discover where the characters are in their lives. While the director's apparent faith in the audience is reassuring, the movie could have benefited greatly with some character history. If audiences knew where the characters had come from, it may have been easier to swallow the movie's main fault, the unrealistic choices the characters make. For example, the whole fiasco of the stolen house could have been avoided if Kathy had just opened her mail. By the time we learn that she had been moping around the house after her husband had left her, audiences have already been turned off by her irresponsible attitude.

After losing her house, Kathy divides her time between stalking her former house's new occupants and romancing a married policeman. Instead of looking for a job or trying to fight her battle through the court system, she moans and

flops around in the back seat of her car falling into depression. While this may have been an active choice by director/writer Vadim Perelman and the novel's author, Andre Dubus III, the actor comes off as overly stupid and weak.

Even though there is a lack of understanding of the characters and the reasons behind their actions, the acting in the movie is highly watchable.

The real standouts of the film are Behrani and his family. Kingsley is, as always, great in his role as a fallen officer. He seems to have a firm grasp on the understanding of his character and plays with a dignified posture that lends the movie an amount of credibility to his incessant pride.

Shohreh Aghdashloo plays her Oscar-nominated role of Nadi, Behrani's wife, with a sense of grace that is a perfect contrast against the times selfish reasoning of her husband and the desperate for a good life for her family, she is the faithful wife who will put up with her husband's abuse if it means a future for her children.

Even though both sides are presented with equal empathy, Behrani manages to win out over his plight over Kathy.

While Kathy makes mistake after mistake in her quest to win back her house, Behrani is looking after the interests of his family. Audiences can share Behrani's shame, while Kathy's selfishness will leave many audience members with their heads in disgust.

The DVD features five deleted scenes with an optional director's commentary, which offers a further glance into the characters' actions and emotions, but none offer any answers to questions left unanswered. One interesting feature, however, is a cast audition tape for the Oscar-nominated Aghdashloo. Her amazing performance is perfectly captured without any makeup, costumes or sets. There is also a behind-the-scenes turette that tries to offer some character insight and a history behind the story.

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