

Film Review: Christina Aguilera, Cher Star in Horrible ‘Burlesque’

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Rating: **0.5/5.0**

CHICAGO – I worry that some impressionable youth will see Steve Antin’s horrendous “Burlesque” and be turned off musicals forever. This is not a musical. This is a music video; an ego piece for two fading stars that is one of the most creatively bankrupt pieces of cinema in years. Actually, most music videos are better.

By now, it’s become common for critics to sharpen their knives and take turns stabbing at vanity projects of pop stars like Mariah Carey’s “Glitter” and Britney Spears’ “Crossroads,” but don’t let the thinking that critics couldn’t possibly like Christina Aguilera’s “Burlesque” convince you that the onslaught of negative reviews sure to greet this junk is wrong. Just because “Burlesque” can join and perhaps even top all other pop starlet film projects in a film festival from hell doesn’t make the predictable response any less valid. Just because history taught us that “Burlesque” would probably suck doesn’t make it suck any less. In fact, it sucks even more than you expect it to.



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Christina Aguilera, giving one of the worst performances of the year in a film that could run the Razzies, stars as Ali, a small-town girl from Iowa who moves to Los Angeles because, as she claims, she looked around and didn’t see anyone she wanted to be in the heartland. She finds inspiration in a burlesque club, where apparently she looked around and saw that she wanted to be mediocre drag queen.

The club owner Tess (Cher) may not be hiring, but Ali knows she can be the best burlesque dancer in the city of angels. When she first gets to the club, she meets the people who will serve the necessary plot devices for her rise to stage fame including Tess, bartender Jack (Cam Gigandet), host Alexis (Alan Cumming), stage manager Sean (Stanley Tucci), Tess’ ex-husband and co-owner Vince (Peter Gallagher), star dancer Nikki (Kristen Bell), and millionaire playboy Marcus (Eric Dane).



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‘Burlesque’ stars Christina Aguilera, Cher, Stanley Tucci, Alan Cumming, Kristin Bell, Cam Gigandet, and Eric Dane. It was written and directed by Steve Antin. It opens on November 24th, 2010. It is rated PG-13.



Burlesque

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