

Film Review: ‘Dumb and Dumber To’ Too Dumb to Be Funny

Submitted by [PatrickMcD](#) [1] on November 14, 2014 - 6:36am

- [Bill Murray](#) [2]
- [Bobby Farrelly](#) [3]
- [Brady Bluhm](#) [4]
- [Don Lake](#) [5]
- [Dumb and Dumber To](#) [6]
- [HollywoodChicago.com Content](#) [7]
- [Jeff Daniels](#) [8]
- [Jim Carrey](#) [9]
- [Kathleen Turner](#) [10]
- [Laurie Holden](#) [11]
- [Movie Review](#) [12]
- [Patricia French](#) [13]
- [Peter Farrelly](#) [14]
- [Rachel Melvin](#) [15]
- [Rob Riggle](#) [16]
- [Spike Walters](#) [17]
- [Universal Pictures](#) [18]

CHICAGO – “Dumb And Dumber To” is an exercise in diminishing returns. Jim Carrey and the Farrelly Brothers expend twice the effort for less than a third of the laughs. It benefits greatly from the enormous well of goodwill created by the original’s inspired idiocy. But one can only suspend disbelief for so long and this sequel has problems that the warm glow of nostalgia can’t solve.



Rating: **2.5/5.0**

Picking up 20 years after the original, Carrey and Daniels head back out on the road to find the daughter Daniels never knew he had. The script – which is credited to six writers – uses the plot as the flimsiest of clotheslines on which to hang its physical gags.

It’s less a movie than a string of punchlines in search of a decent setup. Some work, but many many do not. The first time Carrey pulls an elaborate fake out routine on Daniels it’s mildly amusing. The sixth time it happens its just plain lazy. Nostalgia proves to be its most reliable source of jokes – a high point is the fate of Billy the blind kid and his pet bird Siskel (a parrot who speaks in nothing but movie quotes).

“Dumb and Dumber To” opens everywhere on November 14th. Featuring Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels, Rob Riggle, Kathleen Turner, Laurie Holden, Rachel Melvin, Don Lake and Bill Murray. Screenplay by Bobby Farrelly, Peter Farrelly, Sean Anders, Mike Cerrone, John Morris and Bernie Yellin. Directed by Bobby and Peter Farrelly. Rated “PG-13”



[Continue reading for Spike Walters’ full review of “Dumb and Dumber To”](#) [19]



Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels in ‘Dumb and Dumber To’
Photo credit: Universal Pictures

★ [Continue reading for Spike Walters’ full review of “Dumb and Dumber To”](#) [19]

Source URL (retrieved on **Mar 28 2024 - 5:47pm**):
<http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/24785/film-review-dumb-and-dumber-to-too-dumb-to-be-funny>

Links:

- [1] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/users/hankq>
- [2] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/bill-murray>
- [3] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/bobby-farrelly>
- [4] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/brady-bluhm>
- [5] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/don-lake>
- [6] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/dumb-and-dumber-to>
- [7] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/hollywoodchicagodotcom-content>
- [8] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/jeff-daniels>
- [9] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/jim-carrey>
- [10] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/kathleen-turner>
- [11] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/laurie-holden>
- [12] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/movie-review>
- [13] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/patricia-french>
- [14] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/peter-farrelly>
- [15] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/rachel-melvin>
- [16] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/rob-riggle>
- [17] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/spike-walters>
- [18] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/universal-pictures>
- [19] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/reviews/24783/dumb-and-dumber-to-too-dumb-to-be-funny>