

## Film Review: Not Too Many Good Reasons to Experience ‘The Walk’

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CHICAGO – I am not opposed to dramatic retellings of true events from history, but I think the drama should at least be as entertaining as a PBS documentary on the same subject. “The Walk” tells the true story of a French wire walker and the twin tower World Trade Center in the mid-1970s...when he strung a wire between them, and then proceeded to walk from one tower to the other without a net more than a thousand feet in the air.



Rating: **2.5/5.0**

While its vertigo inducing finale delivers the goods, “The Walk” can’t quite justify its own existence especially since there’s a perfectly fascinating documentary about the same subject readily available. For a movie that is supposed to be a visual spectacle, it spends an awful lot of time violating the classic rule of cinema by telling instead of showing.

Joseph Gordon-Levitt, sporting an exaggerated but not entirely ridiculous French accent, stars as Philippe Petit, a wire walker who dreams of performing the most incredible wire walk in history. He narrates nearly the entire film, and nary a minute goes by when his voiceover isn’t yapping away. And the film takes its own sweet time getting to its purpose for being.

*“The Walk” opens everywhere on September 30th in 3D and IMAX 3D. See local listings for 3D/IMAX theaters and show times. Featuring Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Charlotte Le Bon, Ben Kingsley, James Badge Dale, Ben Schwartz, Cesar Domboy and Steve Valentine. Screenplay by Robert Zemeckis and Christopher Browne. Directed by Robert Zemeckis. Rated “PG”*



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Joseph Gordon-Levitt in ‘The Walk’

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