

‘Wanted’ With Angelina Jolie, James McAvoy Concocts Curving Bullet in Gluttonously Entertaining Blockbuster

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CHICAGO – With curving, clinking and kissing bullets, “Wanted” indeed does Chicago proud. And Angelina Jolie sells it. And Morgan Freeman is ominous. And in his body of work, James McAvoy – the star of this orgasmic summer blockbuster – becomes a man.



Many Chicagoans have been keenly aware of the film’s local filming throughout downtown Chicago and Broadview, Ill.

After also focusing its filming lens throughout the Czech Republic and Hungary, Chicago’s prominence reigns surprisingly dominant and central to the film’s assassin-based plot of one “apathetic nobody’s transformation into an unparalleled enforcer of justice”.



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James McAvoy is the man of the hour, and in a short 110 minutes, is handed a Hollywood renovation from an initially fear-laden, listless boy to a surgically precise killer who’d give Matt Damon’s character (Jason Bourne) in “The Bourne Ultimatum” a fight for his life.

“Wanted” features Chicago front and center not only in its aesthetics but also central to its high-adrenaline pacing and action sequences. The Universal Pictures film needed exactly this big-city, fast-action feel to haunt McAvoy with the necessary vibrations in his quest to decide who he really is.

While “Wanted” is chock full of innovation – especially in its fight sequences and “The Matrix”-inspired special effects on ludicrously

entertaining Hollywood steroids – the film at times still falls victim to the traditional stereotypes of what you'd expect in an assassin action-thriller with an ever-increasing death count.

"Wanted," which was [pushed back](#) [22] to a June 27, 2008 release date from an initial March 28, 2008 plan, won't accrue the high marks and huge numbers it deserves because of its story alone. This is an outright action fest of sensory enchantment, carnal killing and orgasmic delight.

"Wanted," which opened everywhere on June 27, 2008, stars James McAvoy, Angelina Jolie, Morgan Freeman, Terence Stamp, Common and David O'Hara.



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Fox (Angelina Jolie) shoots from the driver's side of her Dodge Viper in the action-thriller that tells the tale of one apathetic nobody's transformation into an unparalleled enforcer of justice in "Wanted".

Photo credit: Universal Pictures



James McAvoy as Wesley in the action-thriller that tells the tale of one apathetic nobody's transformation into an unparalleled enforcer of justice in "Wanted".

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