

Film Review: Memory! On-The-Air Reviews of ‘The Rental’ and ‘Cats’

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CHICAGO – Patrick McDonald of HollywoodChicago.com appears on “The Morning Mess” with Scott Thompson on WBGR-FM (Monroe, Wisconsin) on July 23rd, 2020, reviewing the new Video-On-Demand film “The Rental” and the infamous 2019 film, “Cats” (Digital & DVD).



Rating: **3.5/5.0**

“The Rental” is the directorial debut of Dave Franco, and is co-written by him and Chicago filmmaker Joe Swanberg. It takes a modern situation – an online air-b-n-b style beach home rental – and twists it into the nostalgia of past horror films like “The Shining,” “Paranormal Activity” and “Friday the 13th.” It features Franco’s wife Alison Brie (“Community”), Dan Stevens (live action “Beauty and the Beast”), Jeremy Allen White, Sheila Vand and Toby Huss. It was made available on VOD and limited theatrical release on July 24th.



Rating: **3.0/5.0**

“Cats” is the 2019 film adaptation of the fourth longest running Broadway play in history, with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and adapted from a 1939 poetry collection by T.S. Eliot. It won the Razzie Award for Worst Picture in 2020, as well as Worst Director (Tom Hooper) and Worst Supporting Actor AND Actress (James Corden and Rebel Wilson). It also features, as various Cats, Dame Judi Dench, Sir Ian McKellan, Jennifer Hudson, Idris Elba and Taylor Swift. It is currently available for digital download or DVD/Blu-Ray.

“The Rental” is available through Video-on-Demand and limited theaters. See local listings. Featuring Alison Brie, Dan Stevens, Jeremy Allen White, Sheila Vand and Toby Huss Written by Dave Franco and Joe Swanberg. Directed by Dave Franco. Rated “R” “Cats” is available for digital download or DVD/Blu-Ray. Featuring Judi Dench, Ian McKellan, Jennifer Hudson, Idris Elba, James Corden, Rebel Wilson and Taylor Swift. Screenplay adapted by Tom Hooper and Lee Hall. Directed by Tom Hooper. Rated “PG”



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The Rental
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