

Pure Summer Entertainment Lives on in J.J. Abrams' 'Star Trek'

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CHICAGO – It will be a stunning surprise if the summer of 2009 produces another slice of movie entertainment as satisfying and well-made as [J.J. Abrams](#) [7] rollicking “[Star Trek](#) [11]” reboot, a film that not only delivers on high expectations but shatters them by clicking on every single level.



Rating: **5.0/5.0**

“Star Trek” features a character travelling through time (not a major spoiler...don't write hate mail) and that's exactly what writers Roberto Orci & Alex Kurtzman and director J.J. Abrams have done with their film, returning to the start but also injecting their own life into a dead franchise.



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The film opens with an attack on a Federation ship that happens to have among its crew members the man who would be the father of the king of the Trekker world - Kirk. His son James Tiberius is born on an escape pod as his dad crashes into a gigantic Romulan vessel. Years later, a rebellious young Kirk ([Chris Pine](#) [5]) is recruited for Starfleet Academy by Captain Pike ([Bruce Greenwood](#) [4]), a man who knew his father and sees the same leadership skills in the new cadet.

In the blink of an eye, Kirk is aboard the Enterprise and dealing with a universal crisis that could mean the end of Earth. I wouldn't dare ruin the surprises of this clever script, but Kirk is, naturally, joined by Spock ([Zachary Quinto](#) [14]), Uhura ([Zoe Saldana](#) [15]), Sulu ([John Cho](#) [8]), Chekhov ([Anton Yelchin](#) [2]), Bones ([Karl Urban](#) [9]) and Scotty ([Simon Pegg](#) [10]).

‘Star Trek’ stars Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto, Zoe Saldana, Anton Yelchin, Simon Pegg, John Cho, Bruce Greenwood, Winona Ryder, and Tyler Perry. It was written by Roberto Orci & Alex Kurtzman and directed by J.J. Abrams. It opens on May 8th, 2009. It is rated PG-13.



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Chekov (Anton Yelchin), James T. Kirk (Chris Pine), Scotty (Simon Pegg), Bones (Karl Urban), Sulu (John Cho), and Uhura (Zoë Saldana) in "Star Trek."
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