

‘Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince’ Discovers the Wizard of Awe

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CHICAGO – The Harry Potter phenomenon, born from the pen of J.K. Rowling and nurtured through the utter magic of modern filmmaking, has reached a monumental creative peak with the film “Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince.”



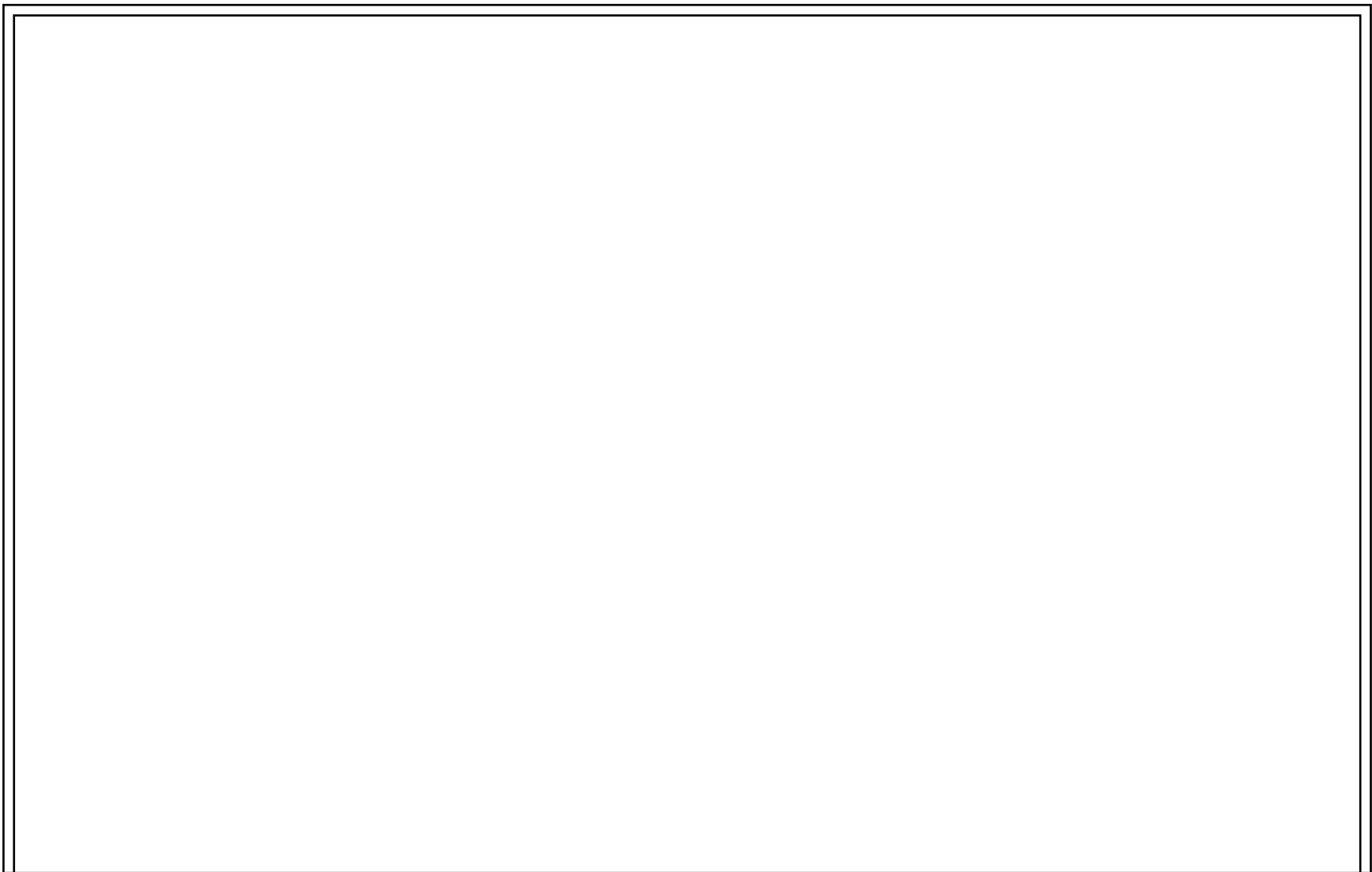
Rating: **4.5/5.0**

Combining the darker elements of Harry’s wizardly battles with the timeless struggle of adolescence, Half-Blood Prince succeeds by further humanizing its legendary characters and produces a spectacle that is a feast for both their legion of admirers and more importantly those not as familiar with the books.

In this installment, Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) has been “outed” by the press as a possible “chosen one” within the good vs. evil battle with the dark Lord Voldermort. Directly paralleling the real world paparazzi, Harry looks to escape from the limelight between terms at the Hogwarts School, only to be pulled into another chapter of the conflict by his headmaster and mentor, Professor Albus Dumbledore (Michael Gambon).

‘Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince’ opens everywhere July 15, 2009, with special midnight shows. Check local listings for showtimes and details. Starring Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Michael Gambon, Jim Broadbent, Alan Rickman, Robbie Coltrane and Maggie Smith, directed by David Yates.

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The Wizardly Three – Rupert Grint (Ron), Emma Watson (Hermione) and Daniel Radcliffe (Harry) in ‘Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince’
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