



N.I.C. NIC'S INFORMATION CLUB



N.I.C Newsletter First Edition 2-1-2003

Welcome everyone to the second edition of the N.I.C. Newsletter!

Member count 108  

We have had a lot of new members join and some rejoined us here from toncas.

The group is getting bigger each day and you guys are great!

Thanks to everyone who has sent in news, pics, games and more.

Also thanks to the staff for all the hard work!!!

~Colleen Founder~

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*In this edition of N.I.C.*

Quote of the week

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

By: Kim

"To be a good actor you have to be something like a criminal, to be willing to break the rules to strive for something new."

UPDATE: We have a new Nic Fan Site out there!

Owner: Our very own Skye.

She has been working on it day and night .

It is not all done yet but take a peek and give her a big WAY TO GO!!!

<http://home.austarnet.com.au/benminton/>

REMINDERS: For all new members - Welcome to the group!!

We have times here where you may receive a lot of e-mails. If you find that you are getting to many e-mails, you can change your mail settings at anytime. You just have to go to the site and click on "edit my membership" there you can set it to "no mail, special notice, daily digest, or e-mail" the choice is yours. Things to enjoy at the site...

Stop by our polls and vote

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nicinfo/>

Chat night is Wenseday the 5th at 9pm stop by and hang out or talk with us.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nicinfo/chat>

Vist the files page where we have uploaded some goodies for everyone to see and read.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nicinfo/files/>

Check out the photos or add some of your own

<http://photos.groups.yahoo.com/group/nicinfo/1st>

Stop by and add your favoite link to the links page

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nicinfo/links>

Visit our calendar to see movie updates and when and what the MOTW is for that week

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nicinfo/cal>

And last but not least don't forget to invite your friends.

We have a N.I.C. Members area.

Stop by and visit > <http://cagefactor.com/NIC.html>

If you wish to add your pic to the members Area, please e-mail me at colleen@magentasky.com

NEWS

Not a lot of news on Nic this week

Film Shorts

Adaptation

5 stars. Rated R. 114 minutes. A mind-bender starring Nicolas Cage as twin brothers, Charlie and Donald Kaufman, both screenwriters with entirely different sensibilities. The film, directed by Spike Jonze and written by the actual Charlie Kaufman, is in some ways a true story as Kaufman was supposed to adapt Susan Orlean's book The Orchid Thief for the movies but ran into some creative difficulties. The result is the most unusual take on writer's block and creative hardship since the Coen brothers' Barton Fink. Also stars Meryl Streep as Orlean and Chris Cooper as a toothless orchid poacher. An amazing movie.--BG
<http://www.lasvegasm Mercury.com/2003/MERC-Jan-30-Thu-2003/20563089.html>

THE MOVIE PAGE

ADAPTATION *** 1/2 -- A screenwriter (Nicolas Cage) struggles to adapt a book into a script, and eventually writes himself, his twin brother (also Cage) and the book's author (Meryl Streep) into the story. Writer Charlie Kaufman and director Spike Jonze, the team behind "Being John Malkovich," create a trippy, twisted view of Hollywood and the blurry line between fiction and reality. (S.P.M.) Rated R for language, sexuality, some drug use and violent images; 114 minutes. Salt Lake County: Century 16, Trolley Corners. Davis County: Tinseltown 17 (Layton).
<http://www.sltrib.com/2003/Jan/01242003/friday/22862.asp>

The nominees for the Orange British Academy Film Awards in 2003 were announced on 27th January 2003.

<http://www.bafta.org/film/announce.htm>

Nicolas Cage Commercials

Cool Commercials - go to this site to check them out

Thanks Kim

<http://www.tokyodv.com/feature/popmenNICKTHUMB.html>

NIC INFO

Cars:

Lamborghinis (several), Ferraris (several), '67 metallic-blue Corvette Stingray nicknamed the "Blue Shark," '67 Chevelle, "a truck," and a Bentley in which he is usually chauffeured.

Pets:

Monitor lizard named Dr. Sheen. (He also used to mention his cats in interviews but he hasn't lately so I don't know if he still has them.)

Favorite Type of Music:

Quote - "I dig it all."

Favorite Color:

Purple

Close friends:

Jim Carrey (actor), Phil Roy (songwriter), Tom Waits (singer), Cary Elwes (actor), Charlie Sheen (actor). He also hangs out with his cousins Roman and Sofia a lot.

What he would do if he wasn't acting:

He loves to write--short stories, screenplays, poems. He has also mentioned designing cars, and "starting a music company and a comic-book company."

MOVIE TALK

Movie of the week - Done by: Skye

Each week on N.I.C. - a reminder goes out for the movie of the week :)

For the week of February 1 – **Wild at Heart**

For more information, or to keep up with the MOTW, please visit

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nicinfo/cal>

Movie of the week

****Wild at Heart****



SYNOPSIS

In adapting Barry Gifford's colorful novel, David Lynch delivers another jolt of adrenaline to unsuspecting viewers everywhere. **WILD AT HEART** follows the troubled romance of Sailor (Nicolas Cage) and Lula (Laura Dern), two lovers who struggle to remain together even when fate seems intent on keeping them apart. In this case, fate is Lula's mother, Marietta Fortune (Diane Ladd), a desperate woman who hates Sailor and will do anything to keep him away from her daughter. After Sailor is released from prison for murdering a man--albeit in self-defense--he and Lula embark on a sex-filled, rocking road trip, aware that they are being hunted by one of Marietta's cronies. When they pull off the road in order to hide out in a small trailer park, Sailor befriends Bobby Peru (Willem Dafoe), an incredibly intense war veteran with a rotten set of teeth. Bobby convinces Sailor to help him rob a bank, much to Lula's objections (for she has discovered that she is pregnant). Sailor must decide if he wants to go straight and be there for his child or remain under Bobby's influence and risk returning to jail. Lynch's raucous film contains his trademark visual style, over-the-top dialogue, and pulsating soundtrack, creating another truly distinct picture.

MOVIE QUOTES

"This snakeskin jacket symbolizes my individuality and belief in personal freedom."--Sailor (Nicholas Cage)

"Speakin' of one-eyed jacks, this one-eyed jack is a-lookin' to go peepin' in a fish store!"--Bobby Peru (Willem Dafoe)

"This whole world's wild at heart and weird on top."--Lula (Laura Dern)

TIDBITS

Released theatrically in the United States on August 17, 1990.

Diane Ladd, who plays Laura Dern's mother in the movie, is also her real-life mom.

Nicolas Cage does all his own singing in the film.

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Movie Review

By Skye

Wild At Heart is a sultry, sexy and seductive film that one way or the other leaves you breathless. A film directed by David Lynch, he takes you down a long winding road and by the end of this journey you are sure to be glad you stayed on for the ride. Both unconventional and with all the obscurities you come to expect from Lynch, Wild at Heart has it all and really is a stunning masterpiece of filmography and undoubtedly his finest to date.

We follow the tempestuous liason and exploits of Lula and Sailor. These highly sexual pair are desperate to escape the clutches of Lula's irrational, egotistical and cavetous mother, Marietta. It seems she will stop at nothing to keep these two love-birds apart - and it seems murder is not out of the question! To what extremes she will go is no more evident than in the first few scenes of the movie. Unfortunately for the young lovers, Sailor's frustration in this situation explodes with devastating consequences.

It seems Marietta may very well have succeeded and now has Lula firmly tucked away in her home, far away from the clutches of Sailor who's serving time in jail. She has however, highly under-estimated the power of Lula and Sailor's love for one another and some 22 months later, Sailor re-enters their lives - much to the delight of Lula and dismay of her mother.

Things are looking up for the young and insatiable couple. Sailor has Lula and his beloved snake skin jacket, a jacket that personifies his individuality and his belief in personal freedom! It seems freedom is going to be one thing they are going to have to fight for. Things are not as they seem and it's not long before the coniving Marietta weaves her web of lies, distrust and mixed messages!! (What great Cage movie is that from?) Hell-bent on destroying her daughter's life and love for Sailor, it seems she will stop at nothing.

With Marietta hot on their trail they have a simple plan - stay one step ahead, but for Sailor this means breaking his parole. They have anything but smooth sailing ahead of them but their continual love and loyalty for each other is never questioned nor does it quaver. These two have an unquenchable desire for one another and it seems nothing can keep them apart.

To make matters worse, both have a past that haunts them and could at some stage threaten their relationship. Lula has her own personal problems to overcome as she is troubled by tempestuous memories and horrid flashbacks of her childhood. These are a constant occurrence in her life and thankfully she seems as comfortable sharing them with Sailor as he does hearing them. He is of great comfort to Lula and he sees to it she is treated with kindness and respect. It seems there is nothing Sailor would not do for his Lula.

Will the couple's unremitting love be strong enough to withstand the plights of the wicked and evil Marietta? Will her twisted web of deceit backfire or will her daughter's love for Sailor prove to be too strong? And if so, could Sailor and Lula's relationship survive another long separation or are the odds so stacked against them they'll inevitably go their separate ways? With so many involved in this sinister plot, who will come out alive and who will be forever trapped within this nightmare?

Wild at Heart is a rocky and raunchy tale of love, devotion, deceit, manipulation and loyalty. Can true love stand this test of time?

Nicolas Cage is simply mesmerising as Sailor Ripley. Far from insipid, he is a far more complex individual than one would first imagine. Charismatic, daring, irrepressible yet luminescent, one cannot help but be captivated by his every move.

Cage is what makes Wild at Heart watchable, enjoyable and memorable. Although this movie can often at times seem outrageous, whether you like it or not, you'll agree Cage is sensuous and seductive! If his performance does not completely consume you his voice will. With that, dare I say it, deep long Elvis

drawl, Cage will have you hanging off his every word and when he sings to Lula you'll find yourself completely and utterly engrossed. Nic's voice is simply music to your ears!!

Dern's portrayal of the lecherous Lula is highly impressive and the on-screen chemistry between her and Cage, two wonderfully talented actors, is nothing short of electrifying. Strong performances by supporting cast only enhance the finely detailed acting of Cage and Dern. Watch for a rather hideous and almost unrecognisable Willem Dafoe as Bobby Peru.

You will find this movie provocative, romantic and profoundly erotic. With an exquisite music score, the direction of David Lynch and the outstanding Nicolas Cage, this movie will leave you Wild at Heart!!

Recommendation

Yes - Not for everyone! [Rated R]

MY MOVIE FACTS

For his role as a just-released prisoner in *Wild at Heart*, he wanted to incorporate the artistic sensibilities of Andy Warhol by playing his character another way. He thought about being James Dean but decided too many people have done that. He thought about doing it as Warhol, but that didn't work. "So I selected Elvis, which seemed fun and new, and David Lynch loved it." He adds, "But if I had known I was going to marry his daughter, I probably would have just played it as Andy Warhol."

Up Coming Films

Back Up 2003

Nicolas Cage To 'Back Up' In New Role

Nicolas Cage is attached to star in "Back Up," a Tom Vaughan-penned spec that has been acquired by Castle Rock Pictures, reports The Hollywood Reporter. A science fiction thriller described as "Memento" meets "Face/Off," the project will star Cage as a cop who is brought back to life to investigate his own murder.

Based on a story by Vaughan and Wedaa, "Back Up" is set in the near future, when technology allows for the resuscitation of humans and the "backing up" of their memories onto a computer. Cage plays a cop who gets "backed-up" and wakes up 90 days later with a gap in his memory. Learning that he was murdered and his wife has left him, Cage's character is intent on hunting down his murderer and figuring out what he did during the missing days that ruined his life.

Matchstick Men 2003

Warner Bros. Pictures' comedy-drama "Matchstick Men," starring academy Award winner Nicolas Cage ("The Family Man," "Leaving Las Vegas"), Sam Rockwell ("Charlie's Angels," "The Green Mile") and Alison Lohman ("White Oleander"), commenced principal photography in Los Angeles on July 15, 2002 under the helm of three-time Oscar nominated director Ridley Scott ("Black Hawk Down," "Gladiator," "Thelma & Louise"). The announcement was made today by Lorenzo di Bonaventura, Executive Vice President of Worldwide Motion Pictures, Warner Bros.

Produced and directed by Ridley Scott, "Matchstick Men" is also produced by Jack Rapke ("Cast Away"), Steve Starkey ("Forrest Gump," "Cast Away"), Sean Bailey ("Stolen Summer") and Ted Griffin for Image Movers, with Scott Free Productions, in association with Sean Bailey/Ted Griffin. Robert Zemeckis ("Forrest Gump," "Cast Away") is the film's executive producer. The co-producers are Charles J.D. Schlissel ("Insomnia") and Giannina Facio. The screenplay is by Ted Griffin ("Ocean's Eleven") and his brother Nick Griffin, adapted from the unpublished eponymous novel by Eric Garcia.

In "Matchstick Men," phobia-addled con artist Roy (Cage) and his protégé Frank (Rockwell) are on the verge of pulling off a lucrative swindle when the unexpected arrival of Roy's teenage daughter Angela (Lohman) disrupts his carefully-ordered life and jeopardizes his high-risk scam.

"Matchstick Men" will be shot entirely in the Los Angeles area. The film co-stars Bruce McGill ("Animal House") as Frechette, the con men's mark, and Bruce Altman ("Changing Lanes") as Roy's psychiatrist, Dr. Klein.

Joining acclaimed director Ridley Scott ("Black Hawk Down," "Gladiator," "Thelma & Louise") behind the camera is Oscar-nominated cinematographer John Mathieson ("Gladiator"), who reteams with Scott for a third time; production designer Tom Foden ("The Cell") and Oscar-nominated film editor Dody Dorn ("Memento").

"Matchstick Men" will be distributed worldwide by Warner Bros. Pictures, an AOL Time Warner Company.

Others

Secret Sanction 2003
Standing Room Only 2003
The Divide 2003
The Volunteer 2003
The Wicker Man 2003
Hard Boiled 2004

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

by Deborah Pearson

"Ever wanted to know something in particular about Nic but not known where to look?" Never fear, N.I.C. is here!

All members are invited to send in Nic related questions to the newsletter. Deborah will then be her computer day and night and do her best to answer your question.

Anything Nic related is welcome - a question about a particular movie, about his co-stars (or co-cars) and even his life. Provided it doesn't infringe on Nic's personal space we will endeavour to answer you.

Send questions to Deborah@dpearson32.freemove.co.uk with the subject line as "N.I.C. Q&A"

TRIVIA

by Kim

Test your knowledge and see how many you can get right. Send your answers to Kim allhan2@aol.com with the title "Newsletter Trivia".

Trivia answers for last week - 1.C 2.D 3.C 4.A 5.D

1. In 'Hollywood Salutes Nicolas Cage: An American Cinematheque Tribute' who says the following about Nic: "His entire presence, his body, he uses it expressively. He plays it like an instrument. There are no empty gestures from Nick. There's design, energy and emotion in every gesture. And, quite often, there's grandeur too."

- A. Francis Ford Coppola
- B. Samuel L. Jackson

C. Martin Scorsese
D. Dennis Hopper

2. 'Buckle Up' is the tagline for what Nic movie?

- A. Con Air
- B. Gone in Sixty Seconds
- C. Leaving Las Vegas
- D. Honeymoon in Vegas

3. True or False,
Nic had to pack on 40+ pounds to play the Kaufman twins
in Adaptation?

4. What was the first car Nic owned?

- A. 1982 Pontiac Trans Am
- B. 1973 Triumph Spitfire
- C. 1965 Ford Mustang
- D. 1978 AMC Gremlin

5. On the commentary to Vampire's Kiss (DVD) Nicolas talks about sharing
his hotel room, during the filming with who?

LINKS TO PURSUE

Thanks Kim

The Movie Page

<http://www.sltrib.com/2003/Jan/01242003/friday/22862.asp>

Nic's Unusual Fireplace

<http://www.manuelpalos.com/html/fireplaces-fountains.html>

Nic's astrological chart and interpretation

<http://www.internetmetaphysicalcenter.com/mjzone/cagen.html>

Betty meets Boris, a Nic-related cartoon

<http://www.bettymeetsboris.com/comedy/comic-15.html>

Another Krewe of Bacchus photo of Nic

<http://www.kreweofbacchus.org/kandt/2002kt.html>

Cat theatre, you gotta see it to believe it

<http://claw.org/theater/peterpan/ccalls.shtml>

Marilyn Manson painting that Nic purchased

<http://www.mrmanson.co.uk/news/september202002-1.shtml>

More on Marilyn Manson painting

<http://home.halden.net/bikercouple/mmtthepainter.html>

Another piece of artwork that Nic must now own

http://www.helnwein.com/news/update/artikel_645.html

Inspiration for Nic's Name Change

http://www.geocities.com/diane_manu_147/LukeCage.html

Quotes from Adaptation

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/B00005JLRC/002-/002-3452682-96648436040404-9119215/002-3452682-9664843?vi=quotes-trivia>

Still Photographs of "Adaptation"

<http://us.imdb.com/EGallery?source=ss&group=0268126>

User Rating for Adaptation (2002)

<http://us.imdb.com/Ratings?0268126>

Nicolas Cage Talks About "Sonny"

<http://romanticmovies.about.com/library/weekly/aasonnyinta.htm>

Nic Quote

<http://www.amusingquotes.com/h/1/972.htm>

Nic Site

<http://www.allstarz.org/cage/>

Matchstick Men comes close but now cigar - Fort Worth Star Telegram

<http://www.ohio.com/mld/beaconjournal/living/5028765.htm>

2003 British Academy Film Awards Nominees

<http://www.bafta.org/film/announce.htm>

BAFTAs Become a Tale of Two Cities

<http://www.thescotsman.co.uk/index.cfm?id=107852003>

Cage, Smith talk marriage

<http://news.beststar.com/news.shtml?!=english&a=express&p=25023>

CDN Television News Nic Bio

<http://home.t-online.de/home/cdntv/cage.htm>

Susan Orlean and John Laroche Interviews - Adaptation Movie Premiere

<http://romanticmovies.about.com/library/weekly/aa120402a.htm>

Screen Actors Guild Award Nominees

http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&u=/nm/20030128/film_nm/sag_list_3

The Life of David Gale

<http://www.moviecentre.net/movies/t/the-life-of-david-gale/>

Several Nic Articles

<http://www.canoe.ca/JamMoviesArtistsC/cage.html>

Nic and Monitor Lizard Blurb

http://www.scvhumane.org/newsletter/fall99/directors_desk.htm

Hollywood Movie Props

<http://www.republicjewelry.com/movieprops.htm>

Here is a link to the comics from his collection.

<http://www.heritagecomics.com/heritagecoin/features/collections/collection.asp?saleno=804&consignor=44>

I'm sure some of you have seen this, but, for those who haven't, check this one out.

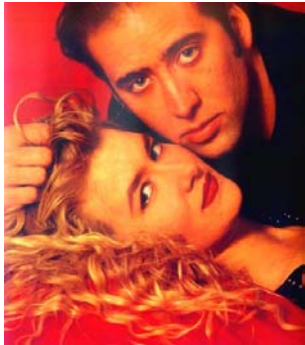
Watch out, Barbie! Here comes Joe and his "heavy artillery"!

<http://www.reasonablecollectibles.com/156/798.htm?524>

WALLPAPER & PIC OF THE WEEK

by Colleen

POTW



larger image at...

<http://cagefactor.com/potw.html>

WPOTW



800 x 600

http://cagefactor.com/Wallpaper/widheart3_800.jpg

1024 x 768

http://cagefactor.com/Wallpaper/widheart3_1024.jpg

N.I.C. STAFF

Skye - founder - who has worked very hard with me to get this group up and running. Skye is also one of our Newsletter Staff members who does the MOTW (movie of the week) and a movie review each week, which are kept on site at cagefactor.com if you wish to read past reviews go to,

<http://cagefactor.com/moviereviews.html>

Thanks Skye!!

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Kim - moderator – who has also works very hard to help out here at N.I.C. Kim, formats the newsletter into a pdf file so we can add it to the site for those who have an e-mail client that doesn't allow pics and this makes for easy viewing fo anyone who wants to read past newsletters. She is also a newsletter staff member who will be doing the trivia, quote of the week. She has also volunteered to gather the links to be added to the NL.

Thanks Kim!!

allhan2@aol.com

Deborah - moderator and newsletter staff - who has decided to continue the Q&A part of the newsletter that she used to do for Toncas. If you have a question about Nic or anything Nic related, please e-mail Deb at Deborah@dpearson32.freemove.co.uk and she will do her best to find the answer for you.

Thanks Deb!!

Deborah@dpearson32.freemove.co.uk

Colleen (yes that's me) founder and newsletter editor and webmaster to cagefactor, I also take care of the MOTW - POTW and I am one of the chat monitors. I am just happy to be here! :) I started this group so we all had a place to call home after toncas1 decided to end the discussion group. So now we are N.i.C. and a great group we are!!

colleen@magentasky.com

Doreen & Dawn - chat monitors - Don't miss the chats that we have 3 times a month. You will get a schedule each month and reminders. Thanks Ladies for a job well done!! <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nicinfo/chat>

NIC INFORMATION

If anyone is interested in helping out with the newsletter, calendar, chats, doing research, or just keeping the list in good working order, we would love the help, and your input!! E-mail Colleen at colleen@magentasky.com or Skye at skiesthelimit@austarnet.com.au

If your N.I.C. subscription ever becomes too heavy to handle or you're going on vacation or moving, you can do two things, have your mail options changed to...

1 - "digest" (messages arrive in batches of 25 or fewer, without attachments)

2 - "no mail." With "no mail," you can read messages (and open attachments) directly from the Internet. (This is good if you don't have high-speed access.)

You can change your mail options yourself by going to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nicinfo/>. You will be asked to sign in if you've never done so before. If you can't remember your password, request a change to a new one that you can remember. Once you've signed in, you can also access "Chat" and "Files" and "Photos" and other areas of interest.

Please keep the Nics Information Club discussion list fun for everyone....

- 1) Keep your comments respectful of Nicolas and his family. After all, he is the reason we exist, we do not condone the spread of hurtful tabloid rumors. We do, however, allow tabloid photos, as they tend to be more accurate. If you have doubts about a tidbit you just found, send it to one of the staff members so that the moderating staff can mull it over before sending it to the group.
- 2) Even though his house is on the Hollywood Star Tour, Nicolas's home address is not to be posted to the list in an effort to give him an inkling of privacy.
- 3) Please keep your comments respectful of other members. By all means, have serious discussions. Just edit out any personal insults before sending. Remember Nicolas' golden rule: "It's ok to be different". Meeting people online from different cultures, religions, perspectives, and backgrounds makes our lives much richer. We can learn a lot from each other. Remember: "It is nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice." (Cage)
- 4) "NNR" is used in the subject head when the topic is "not Nic related." This notifies members that they can simply delete the message and not miss any Nic-related discussion. "SNR" is used to mean "sorta Nic related." Please do not forward to the list chain letters or messages whose primary purpose is commercial.

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