

A Walk in the Clouds

Tale of romance, family

TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX: After returning home from the war, a young GI, Paul Sutton (Keanu Reeves), has a chance encounter with the beautiful daughter (Aitana Sanchez-Gijon) of a vineyard owner (Anthony Quinn) and agrees to pose as her husband to help her face her domineering father.

When their passions for each other are ignited amidst the magical sensuality of the harvest ritual, they unexpectedly find themselves embarking on a romantic adventure as they overcome all odds to be together.

A tale of romance, adventure, family, passion, and tradition, Twentieth Century Fox present Keanu Reeves in *A Walk in the Clouds*, starring Sanchez-Gijon, Quinn and Giancarlo Giannini.

A filmmaker who brings a unique perspective to all his projects, Director Alfonso Arau's vision for *A Walk in the Clouds* includes a refreshingly positive viewpoint of Latino family life in the US.

"The most important things in this film are love and family," Arau explains. "I was also intrigued by the attachment the characters feel to the earth and the story's depiction of unbending traditional values."

This blend of reality and fantasy is called "magical realism." A form of symbolic storytelling prevalent in contemporary Latin American literature, magical realism was also a hallmark of "Like Water for Chocolate."

"Magical realism says that we live in different dimensions at the same time," explains the director. "We can dream and at the same time live in reality."

A Walk in the Clouds represented something more concrete for Keanu Reeves -- an opportunity to try something very different from his two previous roles in "Speed" and the cyberpunk thriller



"Johnny Mnemonic." "This film is the antithesis of my last two films," states Reeves. "This is all passion and heart and yearning."

Reeves' Paul Sutton, an idealist who unexpectedly finds love and family when he returns from war, is the actor's first romantic role.

"I wanted to do a romance, something that concerned itself more with heart and sensuality," adds Reeves, who brings a combination of leading man qualities, adventure, strength and vulnerability to the part.

"Paul Sutton is a dreamer," Arau elaborates. "He returns home from war but the world has changed. In that vineyard, which is a timeless, magical place, he finds the traditional values he

Cloud 9: (top) The sensual ritual of the crushing of the grapes in a huge vat. (right) Keanu Reeves as Paul Sutton and Aitana Sanchez-Gijon as Victoria Aragon are the stars of *A Walk*, a romantic film of young lovers. The film has been in the top ten for the past weeks.

was dreaming of." Joining Reeves is an international cast comprised of some of the world's leading actors. The casting of the family resulted from a year-long international search. Arau felt a personal responsibility to cast as many Latin actors as possible.

A first-rate movie for romantics, *A Walk in the Clouds* will definitely touch your heart.

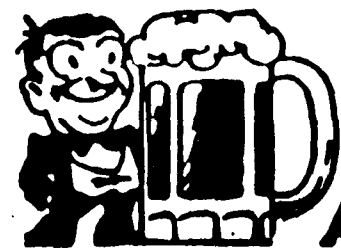


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