

Eye on Entertainment

Movie Review:

Gnomeo and Juliet

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There was nothing new that I really wanted to see at the movies. So, I decided to take my youngest brother (he's six) to see Gnomeo & Juliet. I asked him what he thought of the movie when we left. In his directly quoted opinion: "It was enjoyable in its own way, but it was a bit long." Its run-time is one hour and twenty-four minutes. Thankfully the filmmakers realized they did not have enough material for a long movie. I cannot help but wonder whether they really had enough material to make a movie at all.

In case you can't guess from the title, Gnomeo & Juliet is a family-oriented version of Romeo & Juliet, except with animated garden gnomes. Gnomeo and Juliet fall in love; the problem is they are from rival lawn accessory/garden gnome families. The blue gnome family and the red gnome family have an ongoing feud, which will doom Gnomeo's and Juliet's relationship (well, not really, this version has a happy ending). I am not sure who the target audience for this film is. Although Gnomeo & Juliet is considerably more light-hearted than its source material, I am not sure how many young children are interested in a romance film. Yet the story is too dumbed down to be amusing to older children and adults. The tagline is a good representation of the jokes in the film: "a little adventure goes a lawn way." I didn't laugh once during the film, my little brother chuckled a couple of times.

Gnomeo & Juliet is not terrible; I've seen far worse children's films. The animation itself looked good; it brought the characters to life more than the actual script did. Even the 3D looked good, and I frequently think that 3D is a gimmick. I was pleasantly surprised with the movie's sound effects. For instance, when the gnomes and other lawn accessories walked around on pavement, it sounded like actual ceramic against concrete.

Unfortunately, the story does not measure up to the visuals and sound environment. There is not a moment of tension in the entire film. It's not that children's movies need to be suspenseful and scary (they shouldn't be) but that doesn't mean that

they need to be boring. The film could have used more excitement. The action sequences it did contain were perfect for young children. It would have been better if there were more. Much of the film focuses on the romance between Gnomeo and Juliet. Unfortunately, as a viewer, it is difficult to be concerned about the relationship between two gnomes.

Although I do not actively dislike Gnomeo & Juliet I cannot say that I recommend it either. Since I work at a movie theater, I get the perk of seeing movies for free. If I had paid full 3D ticket price, I may have hated it, that's my disclaimer. Overall, I do not have a particularly strong opinion about the movie. There are far better (How to Train Your Dragon), and far worse (five minutes of Yogi Bear), family films making it to theaters.

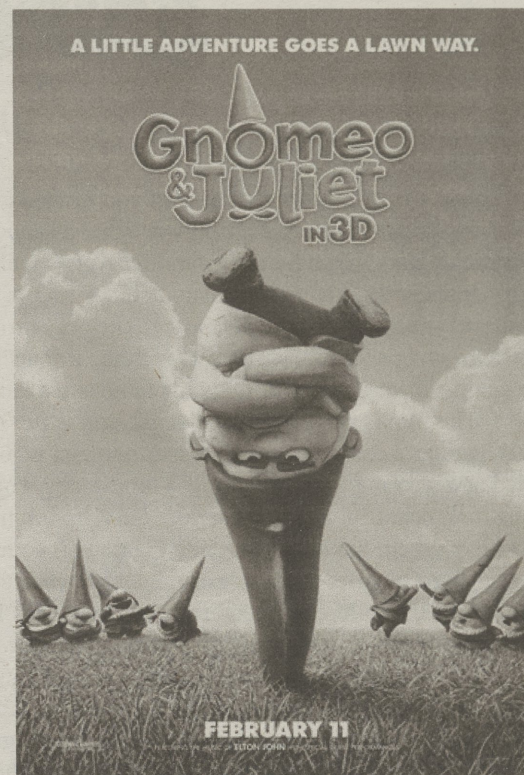


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Thimbles and Thread What's in for Spring!!

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February's coming to an end and soon enough the spring-time weather will be upon us for good. You know what that means: time for a wardrobe change. We have all been concerned with layering up and stocking up on bulky boyfriend sweaters, but it's about that time to be pushing those to the back of your closets! All of the high-end fashion magazines are already featuring designs for spring, so why not get prepared now as opposed to later?

Allure's March 2011 issue, featuring a spread on Victoria Beckham, they listed the top five must-haves for this upcoming spring season. Now, unlike the fall style with boyfriend sweaters and baggier clothing, spring is making headway towards more feminine looks and tending to shy away from the "fierce aesthetic" from previous seasons. Here are the five things you should have ready for the spring season:

1. **Bright Accessories**—many designers blocked different colors together in order to accentuate their designs, but to get a similar look you can just use a lot of brightly colored accessories.
2. **White Blazer**—it gives an outfit a nice crisp, clean look (you can even go a little preppy and mix a linen blazer with a polo shirt).
3. **High-waist Pants**—yes ladies, they're back in style. On the runway for the spring season, designers have taken on a much more 1970's look and incorporated more high-waist, wide-leg pants; they're even predicting this style pant will be the next big trend during spring.
4. **A Diaphanous Dress**—light, flowing fabrics like silk, satin, and sheer cotton were a big trend on the runway this season and they gave the designers' lines more of a romantic feeling.
5. **A Perfect White T-shirt**—a classic really; the perfect fit this spring is loose, but not baggy, and worn with indigo flared jeans.

Aside from the must-haves, there are few other trends that you want to keep an eye out for

while shopping. Lace is always in; however, this type of lace serves more as an accentuation as opposed to the main aspect of the garment. For example, dresses made in lace are not shifting too far away from those you wore during your christening—it serves to show innocence, femininity, and springtime renewal. Dolce and Gabbana showed lace fashioned into shorts, skirts, rompers, suits, jackets, baby-doll dresses, and below-the-knee frocks. Try the lace with clean, unembellished pieces like neutral trousers or a tailored gray pencil skirt; lace is too overt, so ruffles and beads are NO's!). Also, lace has enough detail already, so minimize the accessories. Likewise, a brown or gray shoe looks best paired with lace.

Instead of adding some sparkly items to your wardrobe, designers have decided to mix in a light shimmer that resembles metal; nothing too outlandish, but simple and chic. You don't want something that looks like you're from outer space, but a piece of clothing with a hint of metallic sparkle to make an outfit more "in." Stick to these couple spring fashion trends, and maybe add some things to make it your own (after all, it is fashion, so there are no rules) and you'll be fashionable for this upcoming spring!



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Spring Break Playlist

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1. **Brown Eyed Girl**— Van Morrison
2. **Livin' On A Prayer**— Bon Jovi
3. **Yeah**— Usher feat. Ludacris
4. **Jessie's Girl**— Rick Springfield
5. **Pump It**— Black Eyed Peas
6. **Life Is A Highway**— Rascaflatts
7. **Hot In Herre**— Nelly
8. **Bootylicious**— Destiny's Child
9. **Just Dance**— Lady Gaga
10. **Right Round**— Flo Rida