

Entertainment

FINALLY... WRESTLEMANIA HAS RETURNED

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On Sunday night April 3, emanating from the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Georgia, will be 27th installment of WWE's grandest show WrestleMania. The four hour extravaganza will showcase the very best of the WWE today as well provide a trip down memory lane and an influx of pop culture. In essence, this year's WrestleMania has all the elements to have many fans, casual and diehard, talking for many months and years to come.

The build up for the biggest show of the year was rather lukewarm until this past Valentine's Day when a shocking return took place. For weeks Vince McMahon, owner of the WWE, teased a special guest host of WrestleMania XXVII. He announced the guest host would be revealed on the flagship show Monday Night Raw and would be a shocker. On that night, after showing an undisclosed female exiting a limo, the lights of the arena abruptly shut off. An elaborate light video was displayed on the screen before also ending, leaving the arena silent and darkened. And then the familiar IF YA SMELL...WHAT THE ROCK...IS COOKING! blared on the PA system, exploding the crowd, easily becoming an instant classic moment. After a seven year absence, the Rock (finally...) has come back to the WWE. The Rock then proceeded to cut a captivating promo about returning, missing the fans and missing the business. Rock also turned some heads by insulting the new face of the WWE John Cena, who will compete for the WWE Championship at WrestleMania.

While John Cena may be the current face of the WWE, he will be facing the man who has been dubbed the next Rock, and the future of the WWE. He is the former MTV Real Word star and current WWE Champion the Miz. While just becoming a main event player within the past year, Miz has shown tremendous growth both on the microphone and in the ring. Since winning the title from Randy Orton in November, Miz has successfully defended the title against Randy Orton and Jerry "The King" Lawler each twice. With the Rock keeping a very close

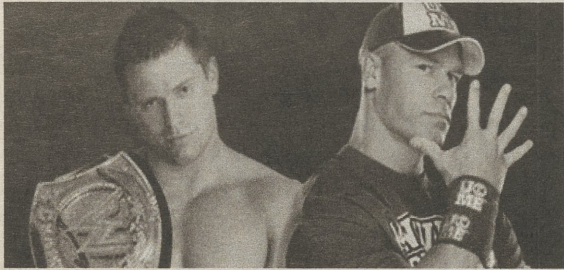


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eye on both the Miz and Cena, the Miz looks to shock the world and defeat the heavily favored Cena who has captured gold at the past two WrestleManias.

Miz will not be the only pop culture figure in this year's event as a taste of the Jersey Shore comes to WrestleMania in the form of Snooki. She will be competing in a match teaming up with fan favorite John Morrison and a returning Trish Stratus against the hated team of Lay-cool and their partner Dolph Ziggler.

Finally, long time fans have more than the Rock to remind them of the glory days of the 90s. Currently penciled in for the main event, is a no holds barred clash of two of the biggest names in the history of the business: Triple H (HHH) and the Undertaker. The most intriguing aspect of this match centers on whether or not the Undertaker can continue his impressive undefeated streak at WrestleMania. The Undertaker is 18-0 at the "granddaddy of them all" and even holds a victory over HHH, who he defeated in a class encounter at WrestleMania 17. For HHH, he is looking to accomplish the only thing that he has yet to do in his career, beat Undertaker at WrestleMania. HHH knows from experience and from his close friend Shawn Michaels how painful a loss at the hands of Taker at Mania can be. Michaels lost to Taker the past two WrestleManias and subsequently lost his career in the final encounter which was billed as "Career vs. Streak." HHH looks to pull out the seemingly impossible and avenge his friend. Undertaker looks to continue his phenomenal streak to 19-0 and continue to be "the Phenom" in the WWE and at WrestleMania.

I will be attending the event myself and will give a detailed report in part two of my blog on WrestleMania XXVII.

WrestleMania XXVII Card

Undertaker vs. Triple H (No Holds Barred)
 WWE Championship Match: The Miz (c) vs. John Cena
 World Heavyweight Championship Match: Edge (c) vs. Alberto Del Rio
 Jerry Lawler vs. Michael Cole with Jack Swagger (Special guest referee "Stone Cold" Steve Austin)
 Randy Orton vs. CM Punk
 United States Championship Match: Daniel Bryan (c) vs. Sheamus
 John Morrison, Trish Stratus & Snooki vs. Dolph Ziggler & Lay-CooRey Mysterio vs. Cody Rhodes

Rango: Kid Friendly or Not Kid Friendly?

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I have heard complaints that Rango is too adult and not appropriate for young children. Yes, it does have some humor and references that are aimed at a more mature audience, but that does not mean that it isn't a great family film. Rango is everything that a good family film, or film in general, should be.

Rango is the name of the lead character, a chameleon voiced by Johnny Depp. Rango is a lonely lizard with an interest in acting, who after a bizarre accident and encounters with several Mojave Desert dwellers finds himself in the western town of Dirt. Once in Dirt, Rango christens himself Rango after realizing he can pretend to be anyone he chooses to be. Dirt is suffering from a water shortage, and the residents look towards Rango for hope.

Everything from technical details to the overall theme was great. It held my interest from the opening scene to when the credits rolled. Refreshing is the word that comes to mind when I think of Rango.

The visuals are vibrant, without being too picturesque. The shabby town of Dirt and its mangy residents are perfect, and unlike anything I have seen in an animated movie. There is not a cute or cuddly animal in the entire film, but they don't need to be; the characters are interesting and do not need to rely on being appealing, in this case it would have actually detracted from them. The dust and grit adds a sense of realism. The movie could be enjoyed based on visuals alone.

Rango is genuinely funny, something that many films lack. The jokes aimed at older audience members not only go over young viewers' heads, but actually fit the moment; unlike in mediocre family films, where obvious and overused innuendos are thrown in in a feeble attempt to appeal to older viewers. The kid-friendly humor was actually amusing as well, another seldom achieved feat.

There is a spiritual, mystical element to the movie. It is an authentic spirituality that never feels contrived or hokey. The Spirit of the West, a character name that would normally doom a film, adds to the overall feeling of a classic western and hero's journey; genres that Rango simultaneously spoofs and pays homage to. It also adds an emotional depth that I had not expected to find.

Rango is a fun movie. It has some good action sequences, including a few entertaining chase scenes. The characters are amusing and I felt a surprising amount of sympathy for many of them. The involving characters were a combination of excellent animation and superb voice actors. I particularly liked Roadkill (Alfred Molina), a vagabond spirit guide armadillo, and the gunslinger Rattlesnake Jake (Bill Nighy). Rango himself is a great character, and manages to hold his own among an assortment of strange and amusing side characters.

I highly recommend Rango. It is a movie that can be enjoyed by people of all ages. That's not to say that it isn't off beat; however, the quiriness never detracts from the film, it simply adds to its charm. Rango is an animated film that is worth seeing in theaters.

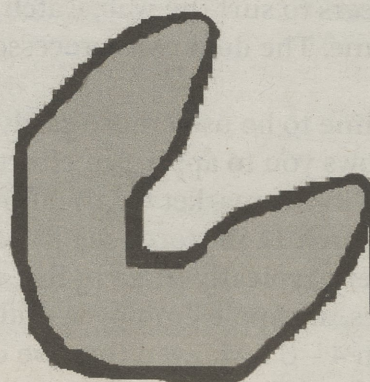
Spring Cleaning Playlist

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1. "Raise Your Glass" - Pink
2. "Hey Stephen" - Taylor Swift
3. "Bow Chicka Wow Wow" - Mike Posner
4. "Hound Dog" - Elvis Presley
5. "Hotel California" - The Eagles
6. "Marry You" - Bruno Mars
7. "Pretty Girl Rock" - Keri Hilson
8. "Jack and Diane" - John Mellencamp
9. "Ain't Too Proud To Beg" - The Temptations
10. "Fast Cars and Freedom" - Rascal Flatts

Serp's Fortune Cookie

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