

Entertainment

Meg's Movie Review:

21 Jump Street

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I took little notice of 21 Jump Street; I have never seen the show it is based on, and the trailers made it look like just another dumb comedy. After it came out, however, I started hearing that it was actually really funny, so I decided to give it a chance. I went into the movie hopeful, but prepared for disappointment. 21 Jump Street exceeded my expectations from start to finish.

21 Jump Street follows two novice police officers Schmidt (Jonah Hill) and Jenko (Channing Tatum). Schmidt and Jenko became friends during their police academy training, despite having been at opposite ends of the popularity spectrum in high school; Jenko being a cool jock and Schmidt being a high-achieving dork. Upon their graduation at the police academy, Schmidt and Jenko prepare for "a life of being bad asses." However, they quickly discover after being assigned to park duty, that police work is not all car chases and gun fights. After a botched arrest, they are sent to 21 Jump Street, where they are given an undercover assignment. Schmidt and Jenko are enrolled as students at a local high school in order to bust a synthetic drug ring.

The premise sounds ridiculous in an unfunny kind of way, but if you accept the film for the mainstream comedy that it is, the plot is perfect. 21 Jump Street manages to avoid many of the pitfalls and clichés of high school comedies. The clichés that are used are utilized consciously and affectionately. Gross-out gags are kept to a minimum, and while 21 Jump

Street certainly earns its R-rating, it is genuinely funny, and does not rely on shock-value laughs, because it does not need them.

21 Jump Street feels far more authentic than most mainstream high school comedies. Schmidt and Jenko quickly realize that the cliques and groups they knew in high school have changed, and in my opinion, changed to more accurately reflect a suburban, middle class high school today. Being tolerant and conscientious are far more popular then they were when Schmidt and Jenko were in school. Another aspect of 21 Jump Street that is better than many comedies is that the main characters are likeable. Despite laughing at them, or perhaps because of it, the audience wants Jenko and Schmidt to succeed.

The best part of 21 Jump Street, however, is how funny it is. I do not frequently laugh-out-loud at movies, but I laughed at 21 Jump Street throughout the entire film.

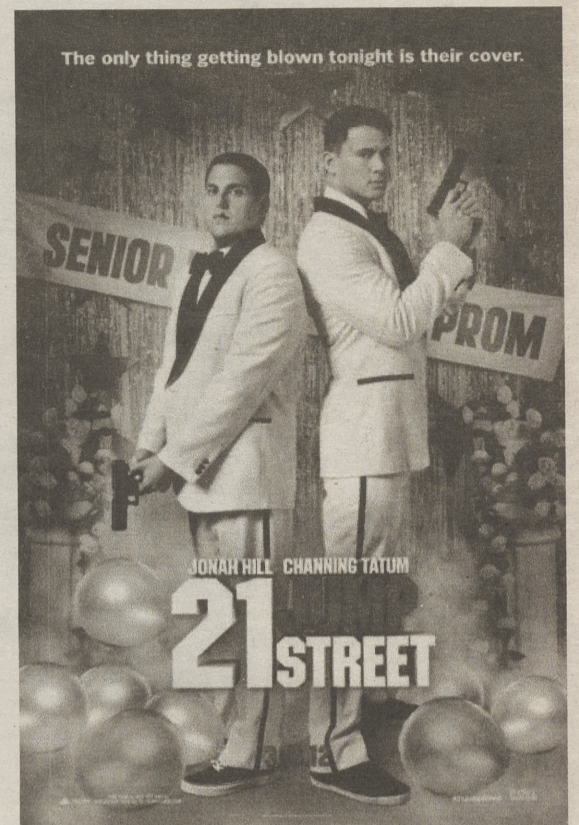


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Spring Fashion 2012

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The flowers are blooming, the sun is out, and spring fashion has already hit the streets. This year it looks like that 70's trend has made a comeback and it is time to bring back the disco inferno style. Think sequin, one piece jumpsuits, and crochet vest. Just make sure not to combine them all at once! The jumpsuit trend has been altered with smaller shoulder pads and a hint of sequin. The crochet vest can be combined with any outfit, it will compliment almost any outfit this spring.

In addition to the disco look preppy chic is also hitting the run way. Plaid, stripe, and navy Wedges and espadrilles are in: these shoes match perfectly with sun dresses, skirts, and skinny jeans.

The spring color of 2012 that will be making a bold statement is the color orange. When thinking sun dresses going orange is a fashion do! Orange is not the only color making a statement this year. Spring will be seeing lots of vivid reds, floral prints, creamy neutral colors, black and whites, and lots and lots of lace.

Fashion would be nothing without accessories. A couple of big accessories this spring include; skinny belts to pair with flare high waisted pants, small square belt bags (think small and elegant and less phanny pack), bold bangles, bright colored and patterned clutches, and metallic must have pieces.

The trend that will fill the stores this spring includes many stripes, geometric patterns, bold prints, bright color combos, yet keeping it tailored and classic at the same time.

As for the gentlemen, Spring of 2012 is calling for bright bold colors to match with that loose fitted blazer. Oranges, mustard yellow, ocean blues, and variety shades of green are fashion must haves. Instead of last year's skinny jean bandwagon, the run-way has made its way back to the loose fitting wider trousers. Sorry boys, this year's pants trends are no longer ankle hugging.

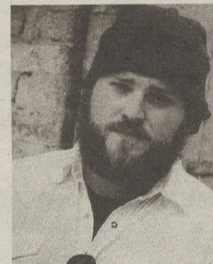
When combining that appropriate V-neck or T-shirt it is important to finish off that simple look with a long and loose fitted blazer. Do not be afraid to mix and match colors fellas, the ladies are doing it too! This spring is all about being spontaneous with colors and patterns. Try finding blazers in different materials and colors. A blazer is always a nice touch to dress up a fitted t-shirt for a stylish night out on the town.



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Warm Weather Playlist

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1. Good Feeling- Flo Rida

2. Hold My Hand- Hootie and the Blowfish

3. Perfectly Lonely- John Mayer

4. Domino- Jessie J

5. Summer Nights- Rascal Flatts

6. Only Girl- Rihanna

7. Joey- Sugarland

8. Here Comes My Girl- Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers

9. Keep Me In Mind- Zac Brown Band

10. Uptown Girl- Billy Joel