

"Uptown Girls" Offers Summer Fun

By Veronica Velasquez
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"Uptown Girls," from Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures, stars Brittany Murphy, Dakota Fanning and Marlee Shelton. "Uptown Girls" is incredibly sloppy at first, with Murphy tottering around in platform shoes, falling all over the place like an overgrown Lizzie McGuire. The movie, which is similar to the "About a Boy" plot of the child of a former rock star, features Murphy as Molly Gunn, the pampered orphan child of two rock stars.

Molly, who has been living the rock 'n roll princess fantasy life sans ambition, direction, or meaning, finds herself suddenly destitute, the victim of a greedy accountant who has taken her parents' fortune and left her and her pet pig penniless.

After several unsuccessful attempts by her friends to issue her a reality check, Molly stumbles upon the job of nanny to the prematurely middle-aged Ray, played by Dakota Fanning. Ray, who carries her own soap in a hermetically-sealed container and takes so much medication that she rattles when she walks, doesn't think much of Molly or her lifestyle.

Ray, who has managed to scare away all her former nannies, is "8 going on 40," and her rigidly adult sensibilities are horribly offended by Molly, who breaks stuff as she dances around to Prince and, according to Ray's schoolmates, "looks like a crack whore."

What follows is the basic inspiration-free tale of Molly learning how to be an adult and Ray learning how to be a child, as they grow to like each other in spite of their obvious dispar-

ity. It is almost impossible to like Molly, or care about her hardships, in the beginning. The audience is subjected to scene after scene of Molly behaving goofily, Ray scowling intolerably, and the set spinning incessantly to illustrate the fact that Molly's life is like a teacup ride, a stomach-lurching attempt at artful cinema that will have you swearing off roller coasters, if not movies, for life.

But then the movie redeems itself, and you start to care. It is almost sneaky the way "Uptown" slips meaningful moments in with the sappy stuff. Ray, who has a dying father and a stranger for a mother, is used to reaching out and finding no one there. But Molly is there now, because she has nowhere else to go.

Both of them undergo a remarkable metamorphosis, which has enough emotion in the second half of the movie to make you wonder why the first half was so lame. It seems fanciful that such a transformation could take place in the space of a 90-minute film, but we actually get to see it happening, and

so we can believe it. Brittany Murphy is comical in her role as Molly, with her trademark squeaky voice lending charm to her already quirky character. Although she plays a shallow, spoiled rock star, she has a relentlessly sunny outlook, partly because her character has no idea what she's in for, and partly because she is a giving person, in spite of her lifestyle. Like Bugs Bunny kissing Elmer Fudd on the lips, Murphy bounds through the movie, taking her lumps and then getting up to bebop along again.

As the precocious, neurotic Ray, Dakota Fanning is deeper than a lot of adults. She is wise in a sad, curmudgeon-like way, and all the sadder still because she thinks she's all right. Fanning makes you believe in her by making it seem as though she's just being herself.

"I liked the little girl. She was the boss of the household. She said what she felt, and didn't let anyone tell her what to think," said Athena Tolentino, 15, of San Francisco. "Molly was really beautiful and funny."

Grad Summit Saturday

By John Harris Jr.
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Prospective grad students will be able to learn about CSUH graduate programs and sharpen their skills for the application process at Saturday's Graduate Summit.

The summit will provide workshops, presentations, and meetings dedicated to preparing students to pursue their masters' degrees, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Student Union.

"Students can expect to meet representatives from our graduate department," said Natalie Lampkin administrative assistant at the Office of Academic Programs and Graduate Studies, "and they can even attend a

GMAT/GRE test preparation workshop by Kaplan," publisher of test preparation materials.

Informational sessions will tackle how to finance a graduate-level education. Writing workshops are designed to illuminate the often arduous task of applying for grad school.

"Even though we have events throughout the year, this is the first time it has been held on a weekend," said Lampkin. "The Graduate Summit is here to accommodate people with busy schedules during the week."

Refreshments will be provided.

Those interested may RSVP at (510) 885-3286 or register online at www.csuhayward.edu/gradsummit.

Visionary Show at Sun Gallery

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The works of local visionary artist Christa Schanda are featured in the exhibit "Retrospective" at the Sun Gallery.

The show, which opened Aug. 6, will run through the end of the month. There will be a public artist's reception featuring Schanda Friday, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Sun Gallery is located at 1015 E. St. in Hayward.

Schanda describes her paintings as "realistic art." The paintings are done in several mediums, including silkscreen, acrylic and lithograph. Her work features various themes, most notably im-

ages of ballet dancers, Bahai-inspired work and her hope for world peace.

The artist, who studied in Vienna and England and has held art shows throughout Europe, now lives in Castro Valley. She is an alumna of San Jose State University. The exhibit is her solo debut in America.

"We always feature local artists here," said Cynthia Valdez of the Hayward Sun Gallery. "It's so sad when artists' work is never seen. There is so much to offer right here in the East Bay."

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