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Juicin' it: Halle Berry plays around with a turkey baster. Berry is one of many stars who can be seen in "Movie 43" that's in theatres now.

'Movie 43' fails to bring in the laughs

Movie Review

Movie 43

Starring: Halle Berry and Dennis Quaid

Director: Steve Carr

Rating: ★★

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Movie 43 has an extensive cast with Emma Stone, Johnny Knoxville, Terrance Howard and Halle Berry that would automatically spark interest, and it did.

With the commercials alone it looked hilarious.

In the movie, Dennis Quaid a failed star who is trying to unsuccessfully pitch a movie idea to a studio executive, Greg Kinnear. The movie being pitched is just a number of shorts that would either make you laugh out loud or confuse you on a whole different level.

Quaid's character tries his hardest to turn down the idea based on the ridiculous content, even after being held at gun point.

The shorts are filled with crued humor and insanely bizarre skits

that dance around the very thin line of funny and offensive.

The cringe worthy moments ranged from genitalia on a mans neck, to a cartoon cat expressing a sexual attraction to his owner.

In contrast, some induced laughs came from Emma Stone's passionate confession via intercom system. To her assumed ex-lover played by Kieran Culkin. That involved a love-hate relationship that was a definite amusing scene.

Also a depiction of Snooki reading "Moby Dick" as a very accurate form of torture.

Lastly, the scene that deserved an "LOL" would be having a glimpse at Halle Berry with extensive plastic surgery, done in her lips cheeks and breasts.

Besides the very small hand-picked scenes, the movie overall fell flat. The humor was not tasteful and some material would have been better if it were more subtle. The funny moments did not weigh out the bizarre moments.

You might want to pass on "Movie 43" and instead you might want to catch up on some Family Guy or South Park on Netflix. At least that will guarantee a laugh.

Faculty to be featured in spring 2013 gallery

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FAE 2013: Cerritos College Faculty Art Exhibition at the Cerritos Art Gallery will feature work from 22 different faculty members.

The exhibits will range from sculptors to photography, print-making and more.

Students will have the opportunity to get a glimpse into the careers of their mentors and view art work that influences the teaching techniques brought into the classroom.

James MacDevitt, the director of the Cerritos College Art Gallery, describes the overall goal and atmosphere in the art departments as, "inspirational."

MacDevitt continued, "The faculty (members) come by and drop off their work. We don't know what to expect, but it's usually great."

The Art Department has a website and catalog dedicated to the work of current and past faculty members that have participated in this event.

On CerritosGallery.com there are short bios of each faculty member and photographs of art that have been displayed at previous exhibitions.

Featured artist and faculty member Steven Portugal

expresses how his inspirations manifest themselves into teaching and his art work by,

"Inspiration is a complex process. Everything that you have experienced up to that moment enters into it. All of the art I have seen, nature and the environment, history, politics and current events, and maybe most important dreams and the unconscious."

Portugal continues by giving the rundown of his advice to aspiring artists, "I show the work of the artists that have inspired me to my students whenever I can."

"I encourage them to look around, to be aware, to use the library—inspiration is everywhere."

"I encourage them to find their own visual vocabulary. And I try to help them understand the artistic process—it is not magic—it takes a disciplined approach to be a good and successful artist. My goal is to give my students the tools that will help them realize the images and forms of their imagination."

The exhibition will begin Feb. 11 and run through March 15 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Admission to the exhibit is free and open to the public.

Cerritos College Theatre Department set to host Drowsy Chaperone auditions

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"I love acting and musicals. I just want to get back into it and this is my chance," says theater arts major Natasha Lopez who is excited for the upcoming show, "The Drowsy Chaperone."

Created by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison, "The Drowsy Chaperone" is the winner of five Tony Awards and numerous Drama Desk Awards.

First appearing on Broadway in 2006, the show has grown in popularity as it moves from venue to venue. Set in the 1920s, this musical comedy pays homage and parodies the great productions of its time.

Packed full of laughs and crazy characters ranging

from gangsters to up-and-coming Broadway beauties, "The Drowsy Chaperone" seems like a perfect fit for the actors here at Cerritos College.

"The director is popular and so many students love him that I'm unsure that I'll get in," added Lopez, "It makes me just a bit nervous."

Auditions will be held in the Burnight Center Theatre starting Feb. 11 and continue the next day, with callbacks planned for the Feb. 13.

As is with most musicals, the actors and actresses will need to be ready to sing and dance to land the role they want.

Tickets and more information about "The Drowsy Chaperone" can be found online at www.cerritos.edu/theater or by calling the Cerritos Theater Department at (562)467-5058.

Calendar of events

Feb. 11

Auditions for Drowsy Chaperone being held in BC17 at 7 p.m.

2013 Faculty Arts Exhibition opens in FA50 at 8 p.m.

Feb. 12

Auditions for Drowsy Chaperone being held in BC17 at 7 p.m.

Feb. 13

Call backs for Drowsy Chaperone in BC-17 at 7 p.m.



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Actress Betty White becomes overwhelmed during her surprise birthday party at Crown Center in Kansas City, Missouri, on Thursday, January 20, 2011. Brad Moore, president of Hallmark Hall of Fame Productions, surprised White after the screening of her upcoming Hallmark Hall of Fame movie "The Lost Valentine."

Five questions with Betty White

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To Betty White's way of thinking, retirement is for people who hate their jobs. That's why the 91-year-old funny lady, a TV icon who has won seven Emmy Awards, refuses to call it quits.

There's nothing about acting and making people laugh that bores her. "My problem is I love what I'm doing, and I love this business, and I enjoy the work, and I love the people I work with," White said.

Not only is she still going strong in the fourth season of TV Land's "Hot in Cleveland" on 10 p.m. Wednesdays, but she also hosts a hidden-camera prank show called "Betty White's Off Their Rockers" that's on at 8 p.m. Tuesday on NBC. "I'm the luckiest person on two feet," White said. "I've done about as much as I can do. I'd just like to keep on doing it."

1. Is it harder to make TV audiences laugh today than when you were just starting out?

When I started out, television was that miracle on the box in the corner of the room. Over the years, as television got to be such a major part of our lives, the audience has heard every joke. They know every storyline. They know where you're going almost before the first line is out. That's a hard audience to surprise and a hard audience to entertain. And it gets more difficult all the time.

2. So how do you explain the success of "Hot in

Cleveland," which uses almost the same playbook that you worked from in the 1970s and 1980s, when doing "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and "The Golden Girls"?

Every once in a while, just a good old-fashioned, straightforward television show, or a situation comedy, suddenly hits the spot. It's almost like something the audience hasn't seen for a while.

3. You're famous for your ribald sense of humor. But is there a limit, a line that you refuse to cross?

I always see more than one meaning to a word, so the double-entendre kind of comedy comes naturally to me. But a double entendre is one thing. Dirty humor is something else. I don't like dirty jokes, but I do enjoy a double entendre.

4. Given the premise of "Off Their Rockers," in which seniors play pranks on the younger generation, are you much of a practical joker?

I'm not a real prankster. I will maybe kid my friends. I'll tell them something happened that didn't really happen. But I straighten it out pretty fast. The trouble is, you can paint yourself into a corner if you try too many pranks.

5. Are there any downsides to feeling young and vital at age 91?

My problem is, all my life, I never was interested in younger men. He always had to be a little older than I (was). And my problem now, at 90, is I can't find anybody who's older.



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Shooting through: Emma Stone, who plays Grace Faraday, stars opposite Ryan Gosling in the mob themed film Gangster Squad.

Gangster Squad shoots over fans' expectations

Movie Review

Gangster Squad
Starring: Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling
Director: Ruben Fleischer
Rating: ★★★★★

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Emma Stone's remarkable performance as Grace Faraday was spectacular, in her role portrayed as Mickey Cohen's girlfriend, who's heart is stolen by Sgt. Jerry Wooters played by actor Ryan Gosling.

Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone make a perfect couple while the action will have you sitting on the edge of your seat.

Sgt. Wooters who helps a group of vigilantes bring down Cohen's plan to make the biggest business of heroin distribution in the western United States.

Cohen has problems with the East Side Mobsters trying to take

his territory in L.A., when he discovers that his then girlfriend is seeing the cop who along with his fellow officers, brings down the 1950's biggest dealer in California.

Josh Brolin who plays Sgt. John O' Mara is given the opportunity by police chief of the Los Angeles Police Department to bring down Cohen, when his pregnant wife then discovers that he's taking on this assignment she helps him bring together a group of well developed officers to put a stop to this big time dopester.

His group starts interfering with Cohen's deals to get the drugs into the city and burning down his businesses before he discovers that they're cops and kills them and their families. The officers sneak into his house and plant several microphones to listen to his plans.

However, when Cohen discovers these mini microphones he comes up with an evil plan to catch these cops and kill them.

The movie isn't all guns and guts. While Sgt. Wooters is helping this group bring down Cohen he is also getting himself into deeper trouble by sneaking around with

Grace Faraday behind his back, risking both their lives.

When Cohen discovers that they are meeting and having an affair he sends his men to kill her. She has to stay in hiding throughout the movie until she finally stays with the good guy who saves her life.

As she sees Cohen murder one of Sgt. Wooters' fellow officer that was protecting her from him, she becomes the number one witness in the trial that sentenced Cohen to Alcatraz for fifteen years.

People should go watch this movie. Especially if you're into the 1940s and 50s scenario.

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