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Movie Roulette Cry-Baby – Review

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Starring Johnny Depp, Amy Locane, Traci Lords, Ricki Lake, Iggy Pop, Kim McGuire

Directed by John Waters

Released in 1990 by Imagine Entertainment

Allison Vernon-Williams is a Square, goody two-shoes. But she is tired of being good. Especially now that she has a crush on Cry-Baby Walker, a Drape and a local juvenile delinquent. She begs her grandmother for one night of happiness at the Jukebox Jamboree with Cry-Baby and his gang. However it seems she forgot her obsessively jealous boyfriend who is out for revenge...

This movie is set in the 1950's and has some stunning costumes, sets, locations and vehicles, this alone makes it a pure enjoyment to watch. I spent countless hours trying to recreate some of the looks of Cry-Baby and to this day my interest in retro fashion is still largely due to this movie.

I love this movie. Together with Edward Scissorhands it is my favorite Johnny Depp movie. I love to sing along to the songs in the movie even if they were never sung by Johnny Depp himself but James Intveld. However it must be said that the voice of James Intveld is a perfect match for Johnny's and you would never hear the difference. When you have John Waters at the helm of this movie, what could go wrong? The iconic director has directed a slew of other epic movies. From Cry-Baby to Hairspray passing by Serial-Mom. Everyone loves John Waters! To me Cry-Baby is a kind of a retelling of Romeo and Juliet but where everyone lives in the end. Yet the parallels are there. The rivaling families, the feisty friends, the forbidden romance and the revenge sought and won.

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Also to be noted is the performance of the music legend that is lggy Pop. It was one of his first larger roles and he shone in it. Uncle Belvedere was really well picked for him.

If you want to have some toe-tapping fun, great songs to sing along, and great actors in a classic movie, look no further and give Cry-Baby a shot. Although I would say I would be very surprised if you had not seen it yet...



Overall: 5/5

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