

'True Believer' succeeds as a gripping crime drama

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Staff Reporter

"True Believer" is a gripping, and at times hilarious crime drama directed by Joseph Ruben who also directed "The Stepfather" and "Dreamscape."

The story begins as Roger Baron (Robert Downey Jr.), a fresh-out-of-

college law graduate comes to New York to work under Eddie Dodd (James Woods). Dodd is a cynical and not wholly respectable defense attorney who smokes pot and defends clients he knows are guilty.

Formerly a man who fought for and believed in "lost causes," Dodd has grown bitter over the years and now assumes and accepts the fact that

his clients are never innocent.

Baron's idealism convinces him to take the case of convicted murderer Shu Kai Kim (Yuji Okumoto) whose mother has come to Dodd for help. She says that her son was wrongly imprisoned and she wishes to re-open his case.

Baron and Dodd are joined in their fight by Kitty Greer (Margaret

Colin), one of Dodd's personal investigators.

The audience is then led through the trial, discovering evidence along with Dodd and Baron. The plot keeps the audience guessing while remaining understandable.

movie REVIEW

Woods gives his usual outstanding performance (this one may lead him to an Oscar next year) by keeping a subtle sense of controlled fury. At times he lashes out, but immediately regains his cool -- warning, almost daring anyone to cross him.

Downey is every bit his equal as the two wage the war between naivety and worldliness. The supporting cast members are up to what the scripts demands, but it is Woods and Downey who take the show.

The film escapes becoming a run-of-the-mill underworld/courtroom movie by not taking itself too seriously. Humor is thrown in at all the right places.

Writer Wesley Strick should be

recognized for his witty and engrossing script. Strick took more than three years to write "True Believer" and it is obvious. For once, cleverness replaces constant repetition of four-letter words.

There is a smoky quality to the film, giving it a steamy feel and taking the audience right into the pulse of New York City.

The film is about lost and regained values and shows the necessity of both idealism and cynicism to make society work.

Not without flaw, however, the film culminates in a rather corny manner that painfully reminds us that what we are watching is illusion.

It is enough to say that life doesn't always have a happy ending -- unlike what Hollywood wants us believe.

And, of course, the film doesn't escape without the use of stereotypes. The prosecuting attorney Robert Reynard (Kurtwood Smith) is the overused, bad-guy caricature who will step on anyone's toes to gain success.

"True Believer" is rated R for some rather graphic violence and a bit of foul language and is now showing at the Douglas 3 Theaters, 13th and P streets.



James Woods as Eddie Dodd in "True Believer."

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Sunday, February 26th, 5:00-7:00 PM, East Campus Union Cafeteria. \$3.50 in advance/\$4.00 at the door. For tickets call Jackie at 472-0396.

CAT SHOW

Pershing Auditorium, Saturday, February 25, 10-5. Sunday, February 26, 9-3. Adults \$3, children and Senior Citizens \$1.

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"LAW OF DESIRE"

A comic love triangle from a Mad Madrid shows Sunday only at Sheldon-3,5,7 and 9pm. "A presentation of UPC Foreign Film Series

Dance With
A Performance Lab 401
Friday, 8PM, in City Union Ballroom

ENGINEERS WEEK 89

Engineers Open House starts today in Walter Scott Engineering Center.
Friday, Feb. 24, 1:00-8:00 pm
Saturday, Feb. 25, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.
Come and see the projects and displays!

FRIDAY FLICK
"The Hiding Place"
Fri. Feb. 24, 7:45 PM
CORNERSTONE
640 N. 15
WELCOME

HEY: UNL Women's Gymnastics Team is Stud, so come watch them on Sunday become the #1 team in the national.
See ya there, Gymmees

IMPACT Members
Call the IMPACT party hotline!!
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INDOOR TRACK MEETING

The intramural indoor track meet will be held Sunday, 2/26 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Track will open at 1:30 pm. Enter on site. Inquiries: 472-3467.

INTRAMURAL ENTRY DEADLINES

Tuesday, 2/28, is the entry deadline for the following intramural activities: co-rec indoor wiffleball tournament; men's, women's and co-rec racquetball doubles; and 9-ball pool. Entries will be accepted in the Campus Recreation Offices, 1740 Vine Street and 32 ECAB. Inquiries: 472-3467.

LUTHERAN COLLEGIANS

Meet at Mt. Olive this Sunday at 3:45 pm for tour trip.

PAUL MITCHELL HAIR DEMONSTRATION

Friday and Saturday 11:00 - 3:00 in Lincoln Square Food Court, Lower Level, Dillard's, 13th & O.

STUDENT UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

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Centers of Consciousness--Video by Ken Keyes. Discover the path to higher consciousness through several methods used by most major philosophies. Keyes is author of "The Hundredth Monkey" and "Handbook To Higher Consciousness." Friday, February 24th at 7 p.m., Christ Unity Church, 31st & P Streets. No charge--all welcome.

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GREEK AFFAIRS

Be a Greek Week committee chair or member! Applications due in NU 332 Friday, February 24!

Brian,
The B.E.E.R. Party is meeting Sunday night at Delta Upsilon. Tell your friends to be there at 8:00.
Jon

Congratulations to the following people selected to attend the Chi Phi National Congress: Sean, Craig, Paul and Chuck. Alternates: Scott and Brett.
The Men of Chi Phi

Devi,
This week the B.E.E.R. Party is at the Delta Upsilon. Be there around 8:00 on Sunday.
Brian

Judy P.
Congratulations on being accepted to Dental Hygiene School! We're proud of you!
Love, The A-Phi's

Phi Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon announces the TKE Midwest Invitational Basketball Tournament. TKE Chapters from universities all over the Midwest gather in Lincoln this weekend for some fine competition. Games begin Friday evening at the Nebraska Wesleyan Fieldhouse.

SAE's,
Thanks for the Tickets! We loved the game!
Love, The A-Phi's

Sigma Nu,
Thanks for the fun initiation last week! We love you guys!
Your Little Sisters

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PERSONALS

Fellow Students:
We, the men and women of HERO (the Heterosexual Educational Resource Organization), are forming a new coalition in the interest of representing what we feel are the silent majority! If you are as compelled as we are to speak out for Heterosexual Rights, call 475-1398 or speak with any HERO member. We're out there!
Victor A. Hawkins

Doctor Scooter,
Happy Birthday Sunday the 26th, the big 19! I love you. Lots-tons-bunches!
Love, Gonzo-Beeker

Crystal:
Happy 20th! You can use my bed anytime! (Especially after this celebration!)
Love, Bob

Mendeth,
A long awaited 21st Birthday. I know it's going to be special. Remember only one drink...
Love ya, Chris

Stephanie (Fun in Colorado),
We talked in the Union Wednesday at 10:30. Interested in going out? R.V.P.
Eric (Boring in Nebraska)

Boo,
I can't believe you're turning 21. We're really getting old and I'm already older than you. You've been my closest and dearest friend for 11 years and I don't care if you are an S.A. We're going to celebrate your birthday as all 21-year-olds should, even if we have to drive you to another city. Happy Birthday T-Bird!
All My Love, Me.

by Berke Breathed