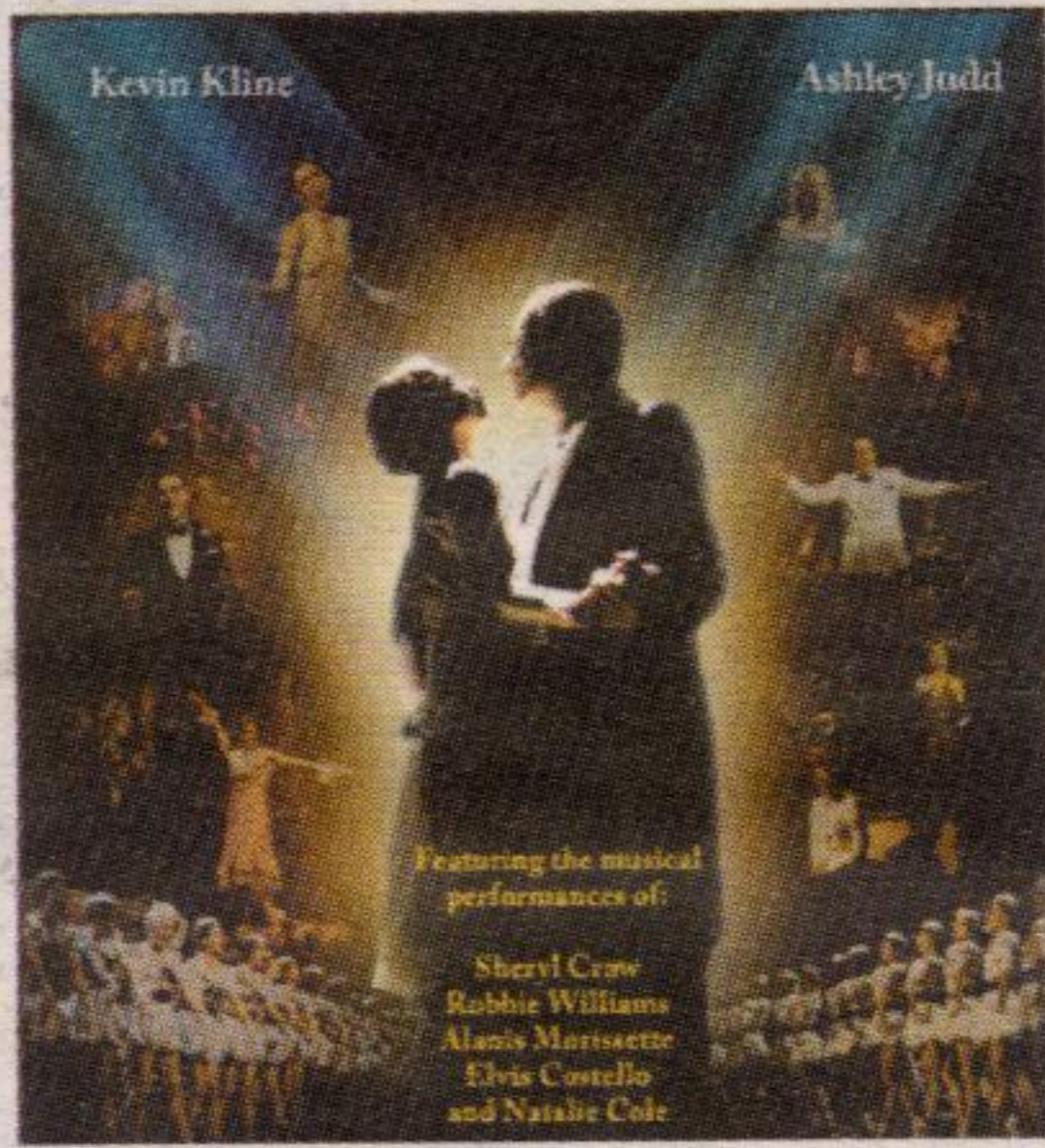


film review

BY LAURA COOK



De-Lovely

Directed by Irwin Winkler, *De-Lovely* is a biographical film about the private and public life of the famous American composer Cole Porter (Kevin Kline). Recognizing his need for various types of relationships, Porter's physical love with several men and inspiration from wife Linda Lee (Ashley Judd) his diversity of relationships pose few problems for his career in the entertainment industry. Although most of the film stays true to the spirit of Porter's life and music, the songs are not presented chronologically in the way they were written. Unless you are an avid follower of Cole Porter, this has no effect on the impact of the film.

Told in the format of flashbacks, the film uses much the same technique as Edwin L. Marin's original 1938 *A Christmas Carol*. On the brink of death, Cole is led chronologically through his past by a specter who shows him his life from an outsider's perspective. Throughout the story, many of Porter's more famous arrangements such as "Let's Misbehave", or "Let's Do It, Let's Fall in Love" break up the film in the form of musical productions. Performed onstage in front of the older version of Porter, the productions become the doorway to Porter's past as the audience learns the story of his life.

Despite the famous songs that are performed in the film, Winkler ups the ante by using several cameo appearances with an array of artists. Singers such as Alanis Morissette, Sheryl Crow, Diana Krall, Natalie Cole, Robbie Williams, and Elvis Costello each appear on-stage singing one of Porter's famous compositions. The various parts played by contemporary artists add credibility and speaks to the power and influence of Porter as such a great composer.

Though the film is rated PG-13 for the mature sexual content, much of Porter's intimate relationships (male and female) are tastefully revealed throughout the film with little to no explicit visuals. Running a surprising two hours and five minutes, the movie's cyclical nature does not drag but rather leaves the audience with a realistic sense of the trials and tribulations of the late Cole Porter.

Top 10 Rentals

THE MAGIC OF THE MOVIES



Top 10 Platinum Rentals for the week of September 7th to 13th

1. The Ladykillers
2. The Punisher
3. The Passion of the Christ
4. Twister
5. The Girl Next Door
6. Taking Lives
7. Godsend
8. Ella Enchanted
9. Hidalgo
10. 13 Going on 30

New Releases

Ladykillers

starring: Tom Hanks, Marlon Wayans

"The plot of an eccentric criminal-mastermind to commit a massive heist appears to be thwarted by his landlady, and removing her from the equation proves to be more difficult than expected," rated 14A for language, including sexual references

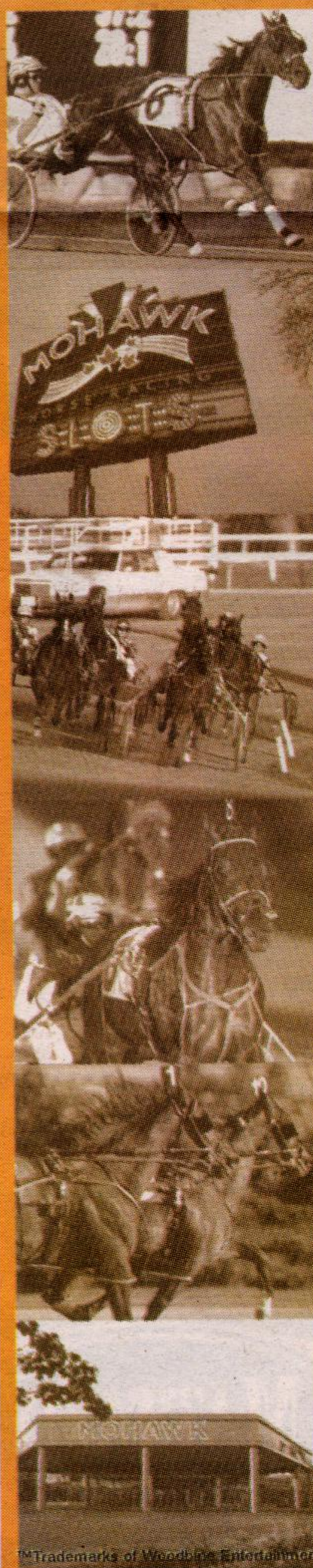


The Punisher



starring: Thomas Jane, John Travolta, Samantha Mathis

"After his wife and family are killed, G-Man Frank Castle takes it upon himself to rid America of crime by acting as judge, jury and executioner. Based on the Marvel Comics hero," rated 18A for pervasive brutal violence, language and brief nudity



SEPTEMBER



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RACING

Mohawk Racetrack has an Olympic sized line-up of major harness races through the month of September.

Mohawk features action-packed racing five nights a week except Wednesdays and Sundays through October 9th, 2004.

Post time is 7:40 p.m.

*Note - live racing returns to Woodbine Racetrack on October 11th, 2004 for the remainder of the year.

Live racing at the beautiful Campbellville facility kicks off with its annual Grand Circuit Week September 6 - 11 featuring more than \$2 million in purse money for the continent's best two and three year-old pacers and trotters. Join us on Saturday, September 11 as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Harness racing with racing memorabilia and a DVD giveaway for the first 2 500 customers.

North America's top older trotters move into the spotlight on Saturday, September 18 for the 53rd renewal of the \$850,000 Maple Leaf Trot. Join us that evening and also meet some of your favourite Toronto Maple Leafs alumni who will be present for an autograph session.

Windsong's Legacy, Cantab Hall and Cash Hall, the top finishers from this summer's fabled Hambletonian, are among the expected starters that will compete in the \$1 million Canadian Trotting Classic for 3 year-olds on Saturday, September 25th program at Mohawk.

Then, on Saturday, October 2nd, Eternal Camnation the greatest female pacer of all-time and earnings of nearly \$4 million, is expected back at Mohawk as the three-time defending champion in the \$350,000 Milton Stakes. Eliminations will be held the week prior on September 25.

DINING

Surf n' Turf

Mondays & Tuesdays buffet featuring Prime Rib & Shrimp. Group packages for 20 or more receive complimentary coffee or tea and a \$10 gaming coupon at no extra charge.

Great Canadian BBQ

Thursdays buffet featuring Roast Chicken & Ribs. Group packages for 20 or more receive complimentary coffee or tea and a \$10 gaming coupon at no extra charge. For details call 1-888-675-RACE.

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Call 1-800-732-2230 for more information. *Slots owned and operated by the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation.

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Mohawk Fall Craft Show,

Friday, October 1st and Saturday, October 2nd. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Join us for entertainment, a variety of vendors and a kids corner with a colouring and pumpkin contest.

Also check out our wonderful equine book selection in the Mohawk Gift Shop!

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