

# Cinefest Picton

## Feb 12: Two Family House

Yet another try at a Winter cheer me up, this one the audience favorite from the 2000 Sundance Festival. We're in the 50's, on Staten Island, and watching the story of Buddy Visalo: Italian American, young, and ambitious. He's always wanted to be a singer, but never really taken his shot at the big time. He thinks he'll try to make his own luck by investing in a two family house, where his family can live upstairs and he can open a club downstairs-featuring he himself as the star act. It's a story, so of course he gets more than he bargained for, and it's from Sundance, so of course his big shot amounts to his chance to be more than he was trying for. Starring Michael Rispoli (from The Sopranos) and Kelly MacDonald.

**Rating:AA, 104 min.**

## Feb 26: Maelstrom

This is the latest from Quebecois filmmaker Dennis Villeneuve, whose previous feature was the very well received



August 32 on Earth . (Cinefest had scheduled that film for Aug 31, '99, but the print became 'unavailable' at the last minute.)

The story somewhat defies synopsis: it's narrated by a fish, and concerns Bibiane, whose tale includes abortion, entrepreneurial challenge, night clubs, a hit and run accident, a funeral, and a second chance.

The reviews in both Quebec and English Canada have been quite good, and the film nominated for Genies in several categories, so we're hoping that we'll finally get a chance to see this director's work for ourselves.

**Rating: AA, 88 min.**

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said she was OK and we left. Several hours later Bunny came home sporting a cast on one arm which had broken in the fall.

Over the next little while we had to do many little chores for Bunny as her arm healed. Funny thing though she blamed us for her fall on the basis that saying so long to us and watching us leave destroyed her concentration resulting in her fall.

Well she got over it and we moved away but Her Nibs never tried skating again.

However, since the phone call she has been reconsidering. Perhaps she will try again here since the neighbours take chairs out on the ice to hold onto as they skate around. But if some one turns up dressed to the nines with a little short fur jacket Her Nibs will be off the ice in a trice!!!

- John A. Jackson

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