

Arts & Entertainment

Clooney Out of Sight in new film

If anyone tries to tell you George Clooney is nothing more than a pretty boy TV star who looks good in doctors' scrubs, tie them up and force them to watch *Out of Sight*.

In the new film, based on the Elmore Leonard disorganized crime howler of the same name, Clooney is perfect as suave yet not too swift bank robber Jack Foley who, after a nearly botched prison break, winds up falling in love with the female marshal (Jennifer Lopez) who nearly caught him and is now on the task force trying to catch him and the other escapees.

It all makes for a pretty complicated situation. Add to that the fact that Foley and his accomplice, Buddy (Ving Rhames), and a trio of former convicts are also neck deep in a plan to bilk a wealthy



Screen Scene

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white collar criminal (Albert Brooks) out of millions of dollars in diamonds and that Foley is also being hunted by another ex-con (Luis Guzman) who thinks he snitched about the jail break, and things start to get very interesting indeed.

Working from a script by Scott Frank (who also penned the film version of Leonard's *Get Shorty!*), director Steven Soderbergh has crafted a steamy, sensual and darkly comical film filled with a wonderfully bizarre rogue's gallery of

supporting characters.

Like *Get Shorty* and, more recently *Jackie Brown*, Leonard's source material is ideally suited to the big screen. And Soderbergh's gritty, retro style works brilliantly as an artistic enhancement.

The film's weakest link is probably the Lopez character who, despite her excellent performance and the genuine sizzling chemistry between her and Clooney, is never believable as a marshal. It's a small point and one that never manages to take away from the rest of the film.

Out of Sight is just that.

George Clooney is an escaped bank robber and Jennifer Lopez is the by-the-books federal marshal in the crime caper *Out of Sight*.



Grant Fullerton of Lighthouse takes stage Friday, Saturday

FULLERTON'S

Tonight: Goodtime music with the Andrew Heathcote Band. Friday and Saturday: Grant Fullerton of Lighthouse. Sunday: All Star Jam hosted by Grant Fullerton, 6 to 10 p.m. 6211 Main St. Stouffville, 642-5360.

MARKHAM JAZZ FESTIVAL

August 21 and 22. Opening night gala at Markham Theatre. On Saturday, 14 hours of jazz at Toogood Pond. Plus entertainment at pubs and restaurants throughout town. Call 415-7516 or www.jazzfest.markham.on.ca

COMEDYWOOD

July 2-4, 8-11: Ron Vaudry, Canadian comic. July 15-19: Sean Corvelle, from Las Vegas. July 22-26 and July 29-Aug. 2: Barry Kennedy, 800 Steeles Ave. West, Thornhill. Call 761-0543 for showtimes and ticket information.

VARLEY GALLERY ANNIVERSARY

The Frederick Horsman Varley Art Gallery anniversary celebration continues to Aug. 9, featuring selected works of 32 local artists from Markham and York Region. Call 477-9511.

BEAVER'S CABIN CAFE

Every Saturday 8 p.m. to midnight. Tien Yeung Jazz Band plays bebop jazz in cozy, roman-



tic, relaxing atmosphere. Fully licenced, reservations recommended. 182 Main St. (upstairs) Unionville, 940-2507.

HOOP DREAMS

The Rise and Fall of the Crinoline, at Markham Museum until July 12. Hwy. 48 north of 16th Ave., 294-4576.

FATHER'S STEAKHOUSE

Friday: Two for the Show, stand-up comedy and music routine. Sunday matinee: Atlantis, 3 p.m. 8515 McCowan Rd., Markham, 294-0134.

MCMICHAEL CANADIAN ART COLLECTION

June 27-Nov. 1: In the Wilds: Canoeing and Canadian Art. July 5: Blues, with Morgan Davis and Al Lorman (part of the concert series). Islington Ave., Kleinburg, 893-1121.

MILLIKEN CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

Sept. 12 at Milliken Mills Community Centre. Entertainment includes Eric Nagler, Mad Science, Ontario Science Centre, and a puppet show. There will be an inflatable village, face painters, carnival

games, creative craft area, traditional games, food and fireworks. Festival Hotline: 475-4883.

CHINESE/SOUTH ASIAN FESTIVALS

Entertainment direct from Hong Kong, Aug. 2; Entertainment direct from India, Aug. 9. Presented at Paramount Canada's Wonderland, call 888-944-CHIN.

KORTRIGHT

Weekends in July: Go With the Flow - investigate sights and sounds of river currents, 11:30 a.m. Nature Olympics - take the challenge, 1 p.m., Winging It - join a search for the jewels of summer (dragonflies, butterflies and damselflies), 2:30 p.m. Call 832-2289.

JUDY & DAVID

July 14, 7-8 p.m. at Yorkhill District Park, behind the Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. West in Thornhill.

POLKAROO & FRIENDS

In concert starting July 18 at Young Peoples Theatre, 165 Front St., Toronto. Tickets \$16, call 416-862-2222.

STOUFFVILLE BILLIARDS

Karaoke every Saturday, starting at 9:30 p.m. 18 Ringwood Dr. Stouffville. Call 642-5361.

Fundraising concert starring Poon Yeuk-foo benefits cancer society

A community group of volunteers is holding a benefit concert featuring Dr. Poon Yeuk-foo, OBE, accompanied by Melody McShane at the Markham Theatre on Friday, Aug. 14.

Poon, a medical doctor by profession, is a leading soprano on the Hong Kong music scene.

Equally at home with oratorios, operas and art songs, the two-hour concert will feature a varied repertoire including Lillian Ray's *Sunshine of Your Smile* and works by Schumann, Liszt and Brahms.

She studied Italian bel canto style under Maestro Elisio Gualdi, with operatic roles that included Amina of *La Sonnambula* and Cho-Cho-San of *Madame Butterfly*.

With visiting masters Desire Ligeti and Peter Woss she studied

French and German art songs. McShane is a veteran of many musical and theatrical productions ranging from opera and musical theatre to jazz, operetta and chamber music.

As a pianist, she has performed with many of Canada's top performers including Richard Margison.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. concert range from \$15 to \$30.

Proceeds will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society. Tickets are available through the Markham Theatre box office, 305-7469, Scarborough Seniors Chinese Association and at Royal Trust branches at 3555 Don Mills Road and Hwy. 7 in Markham.

For further information, contact the Chinese Hotline (416) 494-6829.

WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT LINE UP AT FATHER'S

Friday, July 3rd - hilarious standup comedy and music routine

TWO FOR THE SHOW

Sunday Matinee - 3 pm

Atlantis

Corner of Hwy. #7 and McCowan Rd. - (905) 294-0134

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willing to let us into his studio to teach us about his work, a floral arranger who'd like to take us through the steps of choosing just the right bloom, a church choir so angelic of voice that it's been called on to tour, and jewelry makers willing to show off their creations.

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