

Flickers

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"Fools Rush In"

Columbis Pictures Corporation

Rating: PG-13

Grade: A+

"Fools Rush In" is a family comedy that will keep the audience laughing. It's a romantic family drama the entire family can enjoy around the holidays.

Matthew Perry's Friends-type character is refreshing and lovable in this film. Likewise, Salma Hayek, who plays Perry's romantic lover, is sexy and flirtatious in her role.

The movie starts out as many romances do—they meet, unexpectedly, and don't waste time falling in love. The sequence of events that lead up to them meeting are a comic sequence of circumstances. She believes that it could only be fate that brought them together at the same place at the same time. When she brings this to Alex's (Matthew Perry) attention, he shares the opposite point of view.

Isabel (Salma Hayek) arrives at his house three months later to deliver unexpected news to Alex. This news catches him by surprise, and when she rushes out, he chases after her following her to the Hoover Dam. All of the sudden, Alex realizes he loves her and after meeting her family, convinces her to marry him.

The movie spent a lot of time on developing the story line and making the characters seem realistic. It was unpredictable what was going to happen in the next scene. Cathy Stewart (Suzanna Snyder) played opposite Matthew Perry in trying to be clingy and jealous of his wife, but he stayed strong and showed his true love to his wife. When she heard they were no longer together, she was overjoyed and came in to make her move.

As Alex's job gets busier, he begins to alienate Isabel. This is a part of the movie I didn't like because he should have involved her more in his decisions. This strains their marriage. Alex never told his parents of his marriage, and Isabel starts ranting in Spanish.

After the separation, the plot became tense between the main characters. Cathy convinces Alex to go out, and it's after he accepts he realizes he must go find his wife. He knows he loves her and they deserve to be together. This is one of my favorite parts of the movie.

The movie's lighting was fantastic in all the scenes, and the music was well selected. "Fools Rush In" has been one of my favorite movies for a long time, and I especially watch it around the holidays.