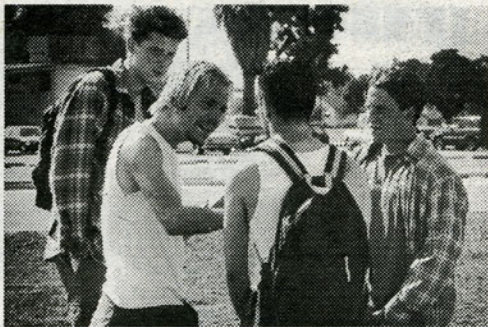


Scrapbook (IMAGE presents)

3/3, 5:00pm (C3)

Director Kurt Kuenne; Producers Roni Eguia, Andrew Borakove, Kurt Kuenne; Screenwriter Kurt Kuenne; Cinematographer Dominique A. Faix; Principal Cast Justin Ulrich, Eric Balfour, Chadwick Palmatier, Kelli Lefkowitz; 35mm/color/110 min./United States

Director Kurt Kuenne first appeared at Cinequest in 1996, with his award-winning short film, *Remembrances*. It is fitting that IMAGE and Cinequest should present his feature film debut, *Scrapbook*.



Scrapbook is the story of Curt Martin, a high school sophomore struggling to find his place in the world. Curt has a close relationship with his older brother, Andy, a popular senior who tries to

help him out with his school and social life. Most of Andy's help turns out to be futile, but on one occasion, it is disastrous. A war ensues between the brothers. Curt's retaliation turns into an event of life-altering proportions.

The strong performances from the young cast carry the emotional weight of *Scrapbook*. Justin Ulrich (*Third Rock from the Sun* and the upcoming sequel to *Carrie*) gives a complex and moving portrayal as Curt. He's matched by Eric Balfour (*Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Dawson's Creek*) as Andy.

Director Kuenne's expert handling of the story's emotional tone is like that of a seasoned veteran director, rather than the first-time filmmaker he is. It will remind one of the films *Stand By Me* and *Dead Poets Society*. In addition, Kurt also did the editing, sound design and music score. This is an accomplished first feature by a filmmaker with a long and fruitful career ahead of him.

—Ken Kam

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