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Reelworld

Reviews by Kent Tentschert and Carol Hemphill

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Shuffle

Genre: Drama/Sci-fi/Romance

Starring: TJ Thyne, Paula Rhodes, Chris Stone, Meeghan Holaway, Dylan Sprayberry, Elle Labadie, Michelle Krusiec, Patricia Belcher, Tamara Taylor

Rating: This motion picture is not rated.

Grade: B+

Reviewer: Kent Tentschert

ST. LOUIS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL SCREENING NOVEMBER 20, 6:30 p.m. TIVOLI THEATER

The Plot:

Lovell Milo (TJ Thyne) is frustrated. You would be too, if you kept jumping through time. One minute he's 12 years-old, the next he's 30 years-old. Lovell realizes that he has jumped and he has distant memories, but he can't control his jumps and, for the life of him, doesn't know why.

He visits a therapist but gains no satisfaction. It's not until Lovell bumps into a youngster at a wedding that he discovers that there is a method to this madness - Lovell has been given a gift. This gift, if he uses it, will save someone close to him. Armed with his newfound information, Lovell begins taking mental notes during his jumps and soon discovers love, hate, disappointment and ultimately - forgiveness.

Kent's Take:

The touching romantic drama, "Shuffle" sings the power of love and forgiveness in a most unusual and entertaining way.

Lovell Milo, the man with a first name as his last, is a narcoleptic who jumps around in time as he falls prey to his narcolepsy, awakening in a new time under different circumstances.

"Shuffle" is reminiscent of "The Time Traveller's Wife" with more fun and an independent film's sensibility. Mixing light-hearted moments with poignant ones, this well-balanced film displays a maturity sometimes missing in small productions.

Writer/director/composer Kurt Kuenne displays a wonderful skill set in bringing his emotional story to the screen. The dialogue is natural and meaningful. Add a skilled cast and the story jumps off the page.

No matter how you deal it, "Shuffle" displays a winning hand of diversion, emotion and smiles.

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