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Kitty and the Bagman

Directed by Donald Crombie (Australia, 1982)

Kitty and the Bagman is a rollicking, bawdy film about two of Sydney's best known crime queens, Kitty O'Rourke and Big Lil Delaney, who created havoc in the underworld of the 1920's. The film is based on the popular legend of sly grog queen Tilly Devine and her battles with Kate Leigh, the Mistress of King's Cross. Scriptwriters John Burney and Philip Cornford spent six years researching, writing and soliciting interest in the film. Producer Tony Buckley and director Donald Crombie, best known for his 1976 film, *Caddie*, raised \$3 million to begin shooting *Kitty* in a converted warehouse. Eight weeks of shooting produced a period milieu and a generally fast-paced story which revolves around Kitty, who rises from innocent English war bride to owner of the "Top Hat," a notorious underworld nightclub.

Director Crombie has chosen a fairly whimsical approach to the storyline, striving for a balance between a spoof of the

gangster genre and a serious drama. While the production values of *Kitty* are impeccable, the plot occasionally lacks sufficient humor or drama to keep up its momentum. Nevertheless, the film contains plenty of action, including dockside brawls, hair-pulling fights, street shoot-outs, and car chases. Liddy Clark is energetic in the title role, while John Stanton as the Bagman and Val Lehman as Kitty's rival make sizable contributions to the film.

In a genre dominated by men, it is exciting to see a gangster film in which women control the world of crime. *Kitty* and *Big Lil* are strong female characters: decisive, willing and able to fight for what they want, successful in their own right. While none of the characters in *Kitty and the Bagman* are developed beyond superficial sketches, it is delightful to see an action film in which most of the action centers around women of power and influence.

—Cathy Sarkowsky

MOVIES THIS WEEK

All the Right Moves: Cinema World (342-6536)

Ballad of Gregorio Cortez: Opens Friday. Mayflower (345-1022).

The Big Chill: A group of old college friends meet for one friend's funeral and spend the weekend together. National (344-3431).

Brainstorm: Opens Friday. Cinema World (342-6536).

Dead Zone: Based on Stephen King's novel. Cinema World (342-6536) and Springfield Quad (726-9073).

The Draughtsman's Contract: An aspiring draughtsman accepts a strange commission and becomes trapped in a conspiracy of adultery, blackmail and murder. See review. Oct. 27-Nov. 2. Cinema 7 (687-0733).

Educating Rita: Stars Michael Caine and debuts Julie Walters as a working class woman who's also a part-time student at the university. Valley River Twin (686-8633).

Final Terror: Opens Friday. Springfield Quad (726-9073).

The Grey Fox: A beautifully photographed tale of gentleman bandit Richard Farnsworth which won seven Canadian Film awards. Showing with *A Story to be Told*. Nov. 3-9. Cinema 7 (687-0733).

Here and Now: Starring Richard Pryor. West 11th (342-4142).

Koyaanisqatsi: A Hopi word meaning "life out of balance," this film with no character, dialogue or story shows us what America was and what it has become. To follow *We of the Never Never*. Check the theatre for opening date and time. Bijou (686-2458).

Kitty and the Bagman: Based on the lives of two colorful "vice-queens" who ruled Australia in the Roaring '20s. See review. Playing with *The Grey Fox* and the local short *A Story to be Told*. Nov. 3-9. Cinema 7 (687-0733).

Mr. Mom: Dad stays home to raise three kids while Mom pursues her career. Springfield Quad (726-9073).

Never Say Never Again: Sean Connery returns to the James Bond role. McDonald (344-4343).

Night Shift: Stars Henry Winkler. Showing with *Vacation*. Oakway Cinema (342-5351).

Osterman Weekend: Opens Friday. Cinema World (342-6536).

Return of the Jedi: West 11th (342-4142).

The Right Stuff: A story about some of the first American astronauts. West 11th (342-4142).

Road Warrior: Plays Wed. through Sat. Bijou Late Nite (686-2458).

A Story to be Told: Premiere of a local short directed by Nancy McManamin, Gary Amrosi, and Ernesto Ravetto. Showing with *Kitty and the Bagman* and *The Grey Fox*. Nov. 3-9. Cinema 7 (687-0733).

The Survivors: Fine Arts (747-2001).

Tootsie: Dustin Hoffman stars as Tootsie. Showing with *The Survivors*. Fine Arts (747-2001).

Under Fire: See review. Valley River Twin (686-8633).

Vacation: A National Lampoon comedy with Chevy Chase. Showing with *Night Shift*. Oakway Cinema (342-5351).

We of the Never Never: Nominated for six awards, this Australian film is the story of a woman who goes to live at a cattle station in the outback around the turn of the century. Bijou (686-2458).

Zelig: Woody Allen's new film with Mia Farrow. Springfield Quad (726-9073).

Note: Some of the movies listed above will change after Friday, Nov. 4. Call the theatres to confirm showings after this date.

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