



CINEMA

Jack Nicholson just right for role

Review by Mike Wiley

Witches of Eastwick

The Witches of Eastwick is big-time and slick. It's based on a John Updike novel and is directed by George Miller who did the "Mad Max" series. Jack Nicholson stars as the charming but weird rogue. He's the wealthy stranger from New York who suddenly shows up and buys the old Lennox place. Nobody can remember his name until they all do, at the same time. Darrel Van Horn. In fact, it's the devil, come gliding into this wee New England town in a stretch Mercedes, accompanied by a raging storm.

Jack/Darrel makes his entrance out of a collapsed folding chair and a broken snore into Eastwick society. The local string quartet is bowing out of its concert, having battled the snore through the last passage. Nicholson, Darrel the devil, rises from the wreckage of his nap and strides down the aisle, all hair and face, clapping, "Bravo, Bravissi." He has one of the most mobile faces in the business. He does work with that

face that other actors haven't dreamed of yet. People tend not to take him too seriously, probably because he has so much fun. He is as hard-working as they come, though, and I don't think he does anything by accident. There's a scene in this film where he's in the middle of a rant, and out of sheer, frustrated fury he goes into a little, kicking pirouette that Charlie Chaplin would have loved.

There are three female leads in the movie: Cher, Susan Sarandon and Michelle Pfeiffer. They pretty much come in a package and it's penultimate womanhood. The roles are maybe a little pat but that doesn't slow them down. Cher does her Cher bit: mane of hair, wardrobe, belly button, flounce. She also does some great work. This woman definitely belongs in film. She has a little one-tear, no-dialogue piece during a seduction scene that's a real grabber.

Michelle Pfeiffer is solid as a willowy, fecund blonde with a lapful of towheaded kids. Susan Sarandon's role is the introverted spinster-type turned free spirit. She pulls it off without a hitch. As the movie opens she's in glasses

and billowy clothing with her hair in a bun. Midway through she has a luscious scene in the market as a kind of sensual, vivacious Orphan Annie.

This film is a high-powered production with great special effects (watch for the devil's exit) and good everything: stuntwork, scenery, camerawork. No nudity, no gore—it's R rated, probably because of the language. There's a lot of sexual patter without the standard tasteful deception. Darrel the devil has come to town with seduction in mind after all. Picture Nicholson, in satin dressing gown, lolling on a four-poster. Can you dig Jack as Vamp? There's also some subtle stuff around the friction created by female and male egos rubbing together. This latter, and the straightforward sexuality, are probably directly from Updike's novel.

The Witches of Eastwick is basically entertainment sprinkled with some nice, little nuances and a lot of good acting. What you see is what you get. You won't go home trying to figure it out, but what you get from it will stay with you a while.

Sandpiper Import Service REPAIR & MAINTENANCE
HONDA • TOYOTA
VW • SUBARU
and others
New Car Service
 FREE ESTIMATES • MONDAY-FRIDAY 9-5:30
343-9427
 2525 WILLAMETTE

MONSTER COOKIE CO.
Bach lovers & Sports enthusiasts agree
Monster Cookies are a classic Eugene tradition

We also serve iced coffees, espressos, cappuccinos & ice cream at our store

5th & Willamette
 687-1064

You'll find our cookies at the Hult Center

Parents Property Owners Business Persons

Locke & Wampler
 ATTORNEYS

—can assist you with—
 WILLS, REAL ESTATE & BUSINESS MATTERS
 227 Mill St. Eugene 484-0621

Open Evenings at 3 locations!

NOBLE DUCK
 DELI & ICE CREAM

Classic deli menu of fine food to stay or to go.

- Business meetings catered

Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00
 1744 Willamette • 342-5539

PRINCE PÜCKLER'S
 ICE CREAM & COFFEE PARLOR

DOWNTOWN, 861 Willamette
 Mon-Thurs 7:30-9, Fri 7:30-10
 Sat 10-9, Sun 12-6

CAMPUS, 13th & HILYARD
 Mon-Fri 11-midnight, Sat-Sun 12-midnight

19th & AGATE
 Mon-Fri 11:30-11, Sat-Sun 12-11

EXCELSIOR CAFE

Early Summer Menu

- Light Bistro Dinners
- Hors d'oeuvres
- Seasonal Salads
- Cold Soups
- Pasta Dishes
- Grilled Fish and Meats
- Homemade Ice Cream

We feature the area's largest selection of Oregon wines—by the glass or by the bottle.

Serving meals until 10 p.m. Open until midnight

754 East 13th Avenue Eugene, Oregon 342-6963

What's a Kestrel?

Kestrel *Kestr* l. a common small falcon (*falco tinnunculus*) noted for its habit of hovering in the air. Common name SPARROW HAWK

2. Eugene's Newest Cafe featuring Pecan Cinnamon Rolls, Cajun Breakfasts, Exclusively Chemical-Free Meats.

Great Food at Affordable Prices

7 AM-3 PM 454 WILLAMETTE
 Air Conditioned Dining

kestrel cafe