

# Jennifer 8 leaves audience at edge of their seats

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**Jennifer 8** is a psychological suspense thriller, starring Andy Garcia and Uma Thurman, that keeps the audience on the edge of its seat, clear up to the very end.

Sgt. John Berlin, played by Andy Garcia (*Dead Again*, *The Godfather Part 3*, *Stand and Deliver* and *Hero*), is a burnt out L.A. cop who has a compulsion for tracking down killers. He moves to a small Northern California town, Eureka, to join his best friend on the police force. Shortly after his arrival, Berlin finds himself helping the force search for a murder weapon near a recently discovered body. Soon he is thrust into the middle of a hunt for a dangerous serial killer who has just claimed the life of an eighth victim, code name Jennifer.

The clues lead Berlin to a beautiful blind woman named Helena Robertson, played by Uma Thurman (*Final Analysis*, *Where The Heart Is* and *Dangerous Liaisons*) may be his only witness and link to solving the murders. Robertson may also be the next intended victim.

Berlin finds himself fighting

the police force for help and answers, but no one seems to want to get involved. When he discovers contradictory evidence, Berlin realizes how involved and dangerous this mystery is really becoming. Soon everyone is a suspect, including Berlin. He is given a very short time to prove himself innocent and find the murderer before he is put in jail.

Things become even more complicated when Berlin realizes that he is falling in love with Robertson. Protecting her from the killer grows to be an obsession for him. What he doesn't realize is that his growing attraction for her is plunging them both deeper into danger than he may be able to handle.

The actors are well chosen. "Berlin is a product of the city and an actor was required with a sophistication appropriate to that," said Director Bruce Robinson. "Andy has a very potent star quality and I thought he would be very interesting in this country environment," he said.

For the part of the blind woman, an actress was required who was beautiful without make-up, since the blind don't use make-up. Thurman was perfect for the



part. She was extremely convincing.

Many of the scenes that include Robertson are filmed with less light than the other scenes. Much of the movie is dark and dismal. This technique is used to give the impression of the dark-

ness that she lives in everyday, but those who don't like dark films may be bothered by this.

**Jennifer 8**, which also stars Lance Henriksen, Kathy Baker, Graham Beckel, Kevin Conway and John Malkovich, is filmed in and around the coastal city of

Eureka; in its neighboring village of Trinidad; Vancouver, British Columbia; and on the sound stages of Paramount Pictures in L.A. It is rated "R" and has a running time of approximately 118 minutes.

## What is Hot and What is Not by Jeff Kemp



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In a world of changes like the one we live in, it is almost impossible to keep up with the latest changes in what's cool and what's not so cool. In order to keep things straight, it is important to understand that the best things in life always stand the test of time. As with fashion, popular music always comes back to the forefront of 'coolness.' Boyz II Men have gone platinum with their new rendition of "In The Still of the Night." Natalie Cole took a grammy home with a remake of her father's hit "Unforgettable," and Mariah Carey went to the top of the charts with her new version of the Jackson Five's, "I'll Be There."

If you are confused like many others when going to the music store, I propose a simple solution: look at the music everyone else is looking at. Chances are, you are probably like the rest of us, and are to busy to try to keep up with all the new tunes of today. Besides what you hear on the radio, there is a lot of other interesting and 'hot' music that your ears deserve a chance to enjoy.

Everyone is different, especially when it comes to music. Some like heavy metal, others like country. Some dance to the clamor of techno, and others groove to the sounds of reggae. And even others get mellow from alternative or just relax with easy listening. With so many choices to make in the music world it's understandable that confusion arises. Here's some of my choices for what's hot and not so hot for the '92 airwaves:

### HEAVY METAL

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| <b>HOT</b>   | <b>NOT</b>     |
| Metallica    | Quiet Riot     |
| AC/DC        | Twisted Sister |
| Guns & Roses | Kiss           |
| Alice Cooper | Ozzy Osbourne  |
| ZZ Top       | Led Zeppelin   |

### COUNTRY

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>HOT</b>        | <b>NOT</b>        |
| Garth Brooks      | Dolly Parton      |
| Clint Black       | Willie Nelson     |
| Wynonna Judd      | Kenny Rogers      |
| Collin Ray        | Tanya Tucker      |
| Hank Williams Jr. | Hank Williams Sr. |

### OLDIES

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| <b>HOT</b>          | <b>NOT</b>             |
| Beach Boys          | Bee Gees               |
| Jan and Dean        | Bobby Vinton           |
| Beatles             | The Rolling Stones     |
| The Doobie Brothers | Crosby Stills and Nash |
| C. C. R.            | Bob Dylan              |

### SOFT ROCK

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|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>HOT</b>     | <b>NOT</b>      |
| Michael Bolton | Michael Jackson |
| Kenny G        | Right said Fred |
| Eric Clapton   | George Michael  |
| Richard Marx   | Heart           |
| En Vogue       | Queen           |

### RAP

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|---------------|----------------|
| <b>HOT</b>    | <b>NOT</b>     |
| Too Short     | Run DMC        |
| Ice Cube      | (M.C.) Hammer  |
| House of Pain | Vanilla Ice    |
| Beastie Boys  | Young M.C.     |
| Boyz II Men   | Bell Biv DeVoe |