

'Fast Five' brings action this spring

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I have always hated sequels. I will suck with the exception of maybe "The Godfather" sequels and "Empire Strikes Back." Of course most people consider them to be part of a single movie, or trilogy, so almost don't count.

In the case of the new Vin Diesel/Paul Walker action film "Fast Five," I find myself at a loss for words. It was awesome. Another thing that I have always despised is when critics use phrases like "adrenaline-pumping, blockbuster hit for the summer." Those words are always a bunch of trash in my previous experiences.

However, much to my disbelief, I have to say "Fast 5" is an adrenaline-pumping, blockbuster hit of the season.

Here, I said it. I never thought I would before, but sometimes a movie will come along that just tosses you in the backseat on a joyride and won't let you go till the end. After breaking Dominic Toretto out of a bus used for federal prison, Vin Diesel (Walker) and Jordana Brewster (Jordana Brewster) go to South America to escape the heat of the U.S. government, which is trying to capture the three stars of the original "The Fast and the Furious" film. Once they reach Rio de

Janeiro, they meet up with Dom and a group of all-stars from the first four films in the series, including rappers Tyrese Gibson and Chris "Ludacris" Bridges and Reggaeton superstars Tego Calderon and Don Omar. The group decides to pull off one last heist, but little do they know that Special Agent Hobbs (Dwayne Johnson) is on their trail and he always gets his man.

Without giving away too much of the plot, I have to say that watching the action sequences and racing scenes will literally leave you begging for more, and just like the original film, you just have to know that there will be a sequel.

A word to the wise: stick around into the credits after all of the weirdos who clap for the movie (as if the actors can actually hear them) have left. You will be glad you did.

All in all, I would have to say that this is the movie to see this spring if fast cars, gun fire and explosions are your thing. If you're into romance and family drama, you may want to sit this one out, but I for one will be going back to the theaters to see this movie again.



Universal Studios

April 29 | 130 mins.
 Rating: PG-13 Genre: Action
 Cast: Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Dwayne Johnson Rating: ★★★★★
 Summary: Dom and crew find themselves on the wrong side of the law again when they switch lanes between a drug lord and a federal agent.

Alternate titles: "Fast & Furious 5" and "Fast & Furious 5: Rio Heist"

"Fast Five" rated No. 1 at the box office during opening week

Drinkers dance the mezcal mambo



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Hola, amigos! Are you ready to swallow the worm?

I remember a T-shirt I once owned that had one of the greatest lines ever about a stomach's arch nemesis: "One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor!" This accurately described where I was after my first experience with what I once thought was the heavyweight champion of the world: Jose Cuervo.

Tequila, brewed and distilled primarily in Mexico, is made by fermenting agave and then aging it either in wooden barrels to impart the amber color, or metal kegs which impart no color at all.

What most people don't understand is that tequila doesn't actually have a worm in the bottle; this is a common misconception since another common type of Mexican alcohol known as mezcal (which is "oven cooked") is also made by fermenting agave nectar. The difference between the two is with the cooking method: for tequila, the agave is baked in steam ovens and the agaves are roasted until all of the

starch has converted to sugars. For mezcal, the agave is baked in underground ovens heated with wood charcoal.

The flavor of mezcal is aromatic and smoky, and because of this, it is hard to palate for a lot of people. However new and exciting cocktails using mezcal are being created every day, primarily on the West Coast, using everything from strawberries to balsamic vinegar (which incidentally are two of the ingredients in one of my favorite desserts; just add a little whipped cream and enjoy).

Mezcal con gusano (which translates to "with worm") does have the worm in the bottom of the bottle that is rumored to give you hallucinations. The only real reason why you might have a hallucination from swallowing the worm is because you have drunk a whole bottle of mezcal to get to the worm. It's akin to saying that playing with a toy in the bottom of the box of fruit loops is going to give you a stomach ache after eating all that pure sugar to get to the toy.

Of course the worm in the bottle is not so much a tradition, or even so much a worm. It is said to be a marketing ploy caused by an infestation of moth larvae in the lower quality mezcal being produced primarily in the Oaxaca region of Mexico.

Mezcal is surrounded by a lot of rumor and tradition. One such tradition is found in northern Mexico saying to drink it before breakfast to avoid a number of different illnesses, diabetes among them.

As easy as it may be to

confuse tequila with mezcal, try and keep in mind that these two spirits, though made with the same basic ingredients, are two very unique beverages. So if you are a tequila fan of legal drinking age, I highly suggest trying out the mezcal. Don't forget to check out www.twenty-1plus.com for more content not found anywhere else. Salud!

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