

Review: A flawed but earnest cartoonist biopic from Van Sant

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also a quadriplegic alcoholic. In fact, the alcoholism came first, then the handicap, then the cartooning.

Director Gus Van Sant has chosen this very interesting subject for his latest film, "Don't Worry, He Won't Get Far on Foot," with Joaquin Phoenix starring as the artist. The title is taken from Callahan's 1990 autobiography, which itself was borrowed from one of his cartoons.

Grim, uncomfortably true and funny were Callahan's main operating modes. It was the only way he could make sense of the world and what happened to him, or so the film posits.

Van Sant seems to have tried to infuse this work with that same sort of spirit — irreverent, often unattractive, sometimes funny and some-



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Joaquin Phoenix, left, and Jonah Hill in a scene from 'Don't Worry, He Won't Get Far on Foot.'

times offensive. Told in a jumbly, non-linear fashion, Van Sant jumps back and forth in time with disorienting casualness, shifting from a wheelchair bound Callahan as an obviously estab-

lished and famous artist, back to the last day he walked, and then to the early days of his group therapy. It's difficult, at the beginning, to wrap your head around just what you're watching.

Phoenix plays Callahan as a good-time jerk, care-less and carefree, affable and sharp-witted with a drink, panicked and cruel without one. The last day he walked, he says in voiceover, he woke up without a hangover. He was still drunk, and just needed to make it to the liquor store before his hands started shaking. That day he met up with another life-of-the-party in Dexter (Jack Black) who tells him that there are better girls at a party across town. Before they get to this grass-is-greener event, however, they stop at more bars, drink more and, eventually, crash. It's a riveting sequence with devastating consequences for Callahan. Dexter, the driver, leaves the scene with some minor injuries, only to be heard from again in a spell-

binding climax.

It's not exactly a portrait of the artist, as the time line skips around so frequently that we can hardly grasp Callahan's evolution, but more so a sort of love letter to 12 Steps, centered around a man who is one of the least likely persons in the world to buy into the philosophy.

But he does, albeit with quite a few struggles and setbacks, thanks in large part to Donnie (Jonah Hill), an addict himself, a sardonic, Jesus-with-an-edge figure who leads a group therapy session made up of his hand-selected "piglets," as he calls them. Seemingly impervious to therapy, Callahan takes to Donnie, and begins his reinvention, eventually finding art as an outlet.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN TV SCHEDULE

Evening listings
FRIDAY—SUNDAY

FRIDAY EVENING												A - Charter Astoria/Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach												JULY 13	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30												
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune	Quantico "No Place Is Home" (N)	What Would You Do? (N)	20/20				KATU News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel												
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Quantico "No Place Is Home" (N)	What Would You Do? (N)	20/20				KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel												
4	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	American Ninja Warrior "Minneapolis City Qualifiers"	Dateline NBC					KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show												
6	KOIN	(7) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight (N)	Whistleblower (P) (N)	Hawaii Five-0 "Na Keiki A Kalahaohia"	Blue Bloods "Legacy"				News (N)	(35) Colbert												
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	Whistleblower (P) (N)	Hawaii Five-0 "Na Keiki A Kalahaohia"	Blue Bloods "Legacy"				KIRO 7 News (N)	(35) Colbert												
8	KGW	(7) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	American Ninja Warrior "Minneapolis City Qualifiers"	Dateline NBC					KGW News (N)	(35) Tonight Show												
9	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Illusion (N)	Masters of Illusion	Penn+Teller "Penn & Teller Get Loopy"	News at 10 (N)	Friends		Two and a Half	Two and a Half												
10	KOPB	(10) Burt Wolf Pt. 2 of 2	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		The Coroner "The Drop Zone"	Shetland					Variety Studio: Actors on Actors													
12	KPTV	(12) News (N)	Timbers in 30	Family Feud	Family Feud	The Resident "None the Wiser"	The Orville "Krill"	10 O'Clock News (N)				News (N)	Page Six TV												
13	KPDX	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)	9 O'Clock News (N)	Family Guy	American Dad!			The Game	The Game												
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Resident "None the Wiser"	The Orville "Krill"	Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)				Most Wanted	The Simpsons												
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	★ Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice (2016, Action) Henry Cavill, Gal Gadot, Ben Affleck						Eleague (N)													
21	KZJO	(22) The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory		Two and a Half	Two and a Half												
29	ESPN	(29) Poker World Series (L)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)				SportsCenter (N)													
30	ESPN2	(30) CFL Football Toronto Argonauts at Edmonton Eskimos Site: Commonweath Stadium -- Edmonton, Alta. (L)				Around the Horn	Interruption					NBA: The Jump (N)													
61	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Double Dare	Double Dare	★ ★ ★ Happy Feet (2006, Animated) Elijah Wood, Hugh Jackman, Robin Williams.					(35) Friends												
32	DISN	(32) Raven's Home	Stuck in Middle	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Andi Mack	Raven's Home	Stuck in Middle	Big City Greens	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home	Andi Mack	Bunk'd												
34	FAM	(34) Movie	(40) ★ ★ ★ 10 Things I Hate About You '99 Julia Stiles, Heath Ledger.			(50) ★ ★ Monster-in-Law (2005, Comedy) Jane Fonda, Michael Vartan, Jennifer Lopez.						The 700 Club													
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) Terminator: Genisys	(20) ★ ★ ★ Terminator: Genisys (2015, Sci-Fi) Jason Clarke, Emilia Clarke, Arnold Schwarzenegger.			(40) FXM Presents						★ After Earth (2013, Adventure) Jaden Smith, Will Smith.	(55) FXM Presents												
36	LIFE	(36) The Closer "Flashpoint"	The Closer "Flashpoint"	The Closer "Fantasy Date"	The Closer "You Are Here"	The Closer "Batter Up"	The Closer "Good Housekeeping"	(05) The Closer "The Butler Did It"																	
38	ROOT	(38) (5:30) MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Colorado Rockies Site: Coors Field -- Denver, Colo. (L)				Post-game																			
39	FS1	(39) (4:00) BIG3 Basketball (L)				MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Colorado Rockies Site: Coors Field -- Denver, Colo.																			
43	SPIKE	(43) (5:00) Friday the 13th Part VII: The New Blood	★ ★ ★ Friday the 13th Part 7 (1981, Horror) John Furey, Adrienne King, Amy Steel.			Mixed Martial Arts Bellator 202 Card TBA (L)							(15) Friday the 13th: The Final Cha...												
44	COM	(44) (10) The Office	(45) The Office	(20) The Office		(55) The Office	★ ★ Horrible Bosses (2011, Comedy) Charlie Day, Jason Sudeikis, Jason Bateman.					The Comedy Central Roast "Rob Lowe"													
45	HIST	(45) American Pickers	"The Pick, the Pawn, and the Polish"			Pickers "Big Money Racer" (N)	Evel Live: Enhanced Travis attempts three of Knievel's scariest stunts. (N)					(05) American Pickers													
46	A&E	(46) (5:00) Live PD				Live PD (N) / (05) Live PD: Rewind (N)	Live PD Live access inside the country's busiest police forces. (L)																		
47	TLC	(47) THAT Wedding "Vietnam vs. Vegas"	I Want THAT Wedding	BattleBots "Ice, Ice, Baby"	BattleBots "A Smashing Good Time"	90 Day Fiancé "No Turning Back" (N)	To Be Announced																		
48	DISC	(48) BattleBots "I'm Here to Kick Some Bot"	BattleBots "Ice, Ice, Baby"	State Troop. "Armed and Dangerous"	State Troop. "Helter Skelter Homicide"	Wicked Tuna: Outer Banks "Rewind"	Wicked Tuna "Proving Grounds" (N)	Monster Fish "Giant Catfish"																	
49	NGEO	(49) State Troop. "Armed and Dangerous"	State Troop. "Helter Skelter Homicide"	NCIS: New Orleans "Baifhish"	NCIS: New Orleans "The Abyss"	Captain America: Civil War (2016, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson, Chris Evans.																			
51	AMC	(51) (5:25) ★ ★ ★ A Bronx Tale (1993, Drama) Chazz Palminteri, Lillo Brancato, Robert De Niro.				★ ★ ★ The Shawshank Redemption (1994, Drama) Morgan Freeman, James Whitmore, Tim Robbins.																			
52	USA	(52) (5:10) ★ ★ ★ Iron Man (08, Act) Gwyneth Paltrow, Jeff Bridges, Robert Downey Jr.				★ ★ ★ Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (2001, Fantasy) Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe.																			
53	FOOD	(53) Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins												
54	HGTV	(54) Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	Aloha Dream (N)	My Dream Home	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters												
56	FX	(56) (5:30) ★ ★ ★ Men in Black 3 (12, Action)	Tommy Lee Jones, Josh Brolin, Will Smith.			★ ★ ★ Jurassic World (2015, Adventure) Bryce Dallas Howard, Vincent D'Onofrio, Chris Pratt.						Pose "Love Is the Message"													
57	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	The Ingraham Angle	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	The History of Comedy "F***ing Funny"	The History of Comedy "Politics Aside"																	
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle	Undercover Boss "True Value"	Fox News @ Night	The Five	Hannity																	
61	CNBC	(61) Undercover Boss "Sky Zone"	Undercover Boss "True Value"	Southern Charm "Ho, Ho, Ho"	★ ★ Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (06) John C. Reilly, Will Ferrell.	★ ★ Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (06) John C. Reilly, Will Ferrell.	(15) ★ ★ Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (06) Will Ferrell.																		
63	BRAV	(63) Below Deck "Bizarre Love Triangle"	Southern Charm "Ho, Ho, Ho"			★ ★ Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (06) John C. Reilly, Will Ferrell.	(15) ★ ★ Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (06) Will Ferrell.																		
64	TCM	(64) Movie	(45) ★ ★ You Belong to Me (41) Henry Fonda, Edgar Buchanan, Barbara Stanwyck.	★ ★ Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (06) John C. Reilly, Will Ferrell.	★ ★ Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (06) John C. Reilly, Will Ferrell.	★ ★ Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (06) John C. Reilly, Will Ferrell.	(15) ★ ★ Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (06) Will Ferrell.																		
65	SYFY	(65) ★ ★ Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (12) Vanessa Hudgens, Josh Hutcherson.	★ ★ Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (2001, Fantasy) Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe.			★ ★ Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (2001, Fantasy) Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe.																			
69	RFD	(69) County Reporter	FarmHer	Chasing-Madison	The Jimmy Dean Show	Rural Eve. News	Country's Family Reunion	County Reporter	Chasing-Madison	Time Life Library															

SATURDAY EVENING

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A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30												
2	KATU	(2) KATU News (N)	Paid Program	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	America's Funniest Home Videos	Truth and Lies "The Family Manson"					KATU News (N)	(35) HonorWrestle												
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	America's Funniest Home Videos	Truth and Lies "The Family Manson"					KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) HonorWrestle												
4	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Paid Program	Will & Grace	★ ★ Mamma Mia! (2008, Musical) Pierce Brosnan, Amanda Seyfried, Meryl Streep.						KING 5 News (N)	Sat. Night Live												
6	KOIN	(7) KOIN 6 News (N)	Weekend News (N)	Entertainment Tonight Weekend	Me, Myself & I (N)	Biblically (N)	Biblically (N)	48 Hours				News (N)	(35) Amer.Ninja												
7	KIRO	(7) Weekend News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Entertainment Tonight Weekend	Me, Myself & I (N)	Biblically (N)	Biblically (N)	48 Hours				KIRO 7 News (N)	(35) Scandal												
8	KGW	(7) NBC News (N)	Naturally, Danny	Champion Within	Health Happ. (N)	Will & Grace	★ ★ Mamma Mia! (2008, Musical) Pierce Brosnan, Amanda Seyfried, Meryl Streep.					KGW News (N)	Sat. Night Live												
9	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Friends	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	News at 10 (N)	Pawn Stars	Impractical Jokers	Bones												
10	KOPB	(10) Great British Baking "Bread"	Travel: Art Wolfe	Stevens' Eroupe	Globe Trekker	Father Brown "The Face of the Enemy"	Hillary "Standing Tall"					Mastepiece "Endeavour: Passenger"													
12	KPTV	(12) (4:00) MLB Baseball N.Y. Y.Cie. (L)	In Depth (N)	James Brown	★ Over the Top (1987, Action) Robert Loggia, Susan Blakely, Sylvester Stallone.	10 O'Clock News (N)						To Hell & Back "Sherman's Restaurant"													
13	KPDX	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)	9 O'Clock News (N)	The X-Files "Roadrunners"				West Coast Wrestling Connection													
13	KCPQ	(13) (4:00) MLB Baseball L.A. A./L.A. D. (L)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	News (N)	Most Wanted	To Hell & Back "Sherman's Restaurant"													
20	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9	Most Wanted	Bones "The Prince in the Plastic"		The X-Files "Requiem"													
21	KZJO	(22) WNBA Basketball Dallas Wings at Seattle Storm (L)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)				SportsCenter (N)													
29	ESPN	(29) Poker World Series (L)				NBA Basketball Summer League Round 2 (L)				ITF Tennis Wimbledon Women's Final Site: All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club															
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:30) NBA Basketball Summer League (L)				NBA Basketball Summer League Round 2 (L)																			
61	NICK	(31) The Loud House	Double Dare	Henry Danger "Live and Dangerous"	Nicky (N)	Star Falls (N)	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	(35) Friends												
32	DISN	(32) ★ ★ Camp Rock (2008, Musical) Kevin Jonas, Joe Jonas.	(45) Bunk'd	(10) Bunk'd	(10) Bunk'd	(35) Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Stuck in Middle	Stuck in Middle	Stuck in Middle	Bunk'd	Andi Mack	Bunk'd												
34	FAM	(34) (5:10) Paul Blart: Mall Cop Kevin James.	(15) ★ ★ The Waterboy (1998, Comedy) Kathy Bates, Henry Winkler, Adam Sandler.	(20) ★ ★ The Internship (2013, Comedy) Owen Wilson, Rose Byrne, Vince Vaughn.		(20) ★ ★ Just Go With It (2011, Comedy) Jennifer Aniston, Brooklyn Decker, Adam Sandler.																			
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) The Internship Vince Vaughn.	(20) ★ ★ The Internship (2013, Comedy) Owen Wilson, Rose Byrne, Vince Vaughn.			(40) FXM Presents						★ ★ ★ Let's Be Cops (14) Damon Wayans Jr., Jake Johnson.	(55) FXM Presents												
36	LIFE	(36) His Double Life (16) Christine Prosperi, Santiago Segura, Emmanuelle Vaugier.	[My Husband's Double Life (18) Daniel Lapaine, Amy Nuttall. (P)]			(05) Murdered at 17 (2018, Drama) Christine Prosperi, Blake Bart, Susan Walters.																			
38	ROOT	(38) MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Colorado Rockies Site: Coors Field -- Denver, Colo. (L)				Post-game																			
39	FS1	(39) (5:00) UFC UFC Fight Night 133 (L)	[UFC UFC Fight Night 133 Site: CenturyLink Arena Boise (L)]			Postshow "Dos Santos vs. Ivanov" (L)	FIA Auto Racing New York City E-Prix																		
43	SPIKE	(43) (5:00) ★ ★ Fast Five (2011, Action) Paul Walker, Dwayne Johnson, Vin Diesel.				Mixed Martial Arts Bellator 203 Card TBA (L)						(15) Kickboxing Bellator 10: Rome Card TBA (L)													
44	COM	(44) ★ ★ Horrible Bosses (2011, Comedy) Charlie Day, Jason Sudeikis, Jason Bateman.				★ ★ Horrible Bosses 2 (2014, Comedy) Charlie Day, Jason Sudeikis, Jason Bateman.						Easy A (2010, Comedy) Emma Stone.													
45	HIST	(45) Mountain Men "Waste Not, Want Not"	Mountain Men "Long Shot"			Mountain Men: Fully Loaded Episodes of the show with additional content. (N)																			
46	A&E	(46) (5:00) Live PD				Live PD (N) / (05) Live PD: Rewind (N)	Live PD Live access inside the country's busiest police forces. (L)																		
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes Dress	Say Yes Dress	Say Yes to the Dress: Atlanta	Yes Dress "Walking on Egg Shells" (N)	Wedding "Fine Dining or Dollar Tacos" (05) THAT Wedding "Flashy vs. Classy"	(05) Yes Dress "Walking on Egg Shells"																		
48	DISC	(48) Street Outlaws "No More Stalling"	Street Outlaws "Deja Vu"	Street Outlaws "Deja Vu"	Street Outlaws "Cutting Out Callouts" 405 struggles to get their cars ready. (N)	Alaska Troopers "Asleep at the Wheel"	Alaska Troopers "Armed and Squatting"	State Troop. "Guns, Cash and Coke"	Alaska Troopers "Asleep at the Wheel"	American Gangster Denzel Washington.															
49	NGEO	(49) Russia's Toughest Prisons	World's Toughest Prisons	World's Toughest Prisons	Alaska Troopers "Asleep at the Wheel"	Alaska Troopers "Armed and Squatting"	State Troop. "Guns, Cash and Coke"	Alaska Troopers "Asleep at the Wheel"	American Gangster Denzel Washington.																
50	TNT	(50) (5:30) Blackhat (2014, Action) Viola Davis, William Mopathor, Chris Hemsworth.				★ ★ Open Range (2003, Western) Kevin Costner, Annette Bening, Robert Duvall.																			
51	AMC	(51) (5:00) ★ ★ ★ Unforgiven (92) Gene Hackman, Morgan Freeman, Clint Eastwood.				★ ★ Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (07) Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Daniel Radcliffe.																			
52	USA	(52) (5:00) ★ ★ ★ Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (05) Daniel Radcliffe.				★ ★ Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (03) Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Daniel Radcliffe.																			
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Teen Tournament: Battle 4"	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped "Beat Bobby Flay, Part 2"	Chopped "Beat Bobby Flay, Part 3"	Chopped "Beat Bobby Flay, Finale"																	
54	HGTV	(54) House Hunters	House Hunters	Fixer Upper (N)	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper												
56	FX	(56) (5:00) Hotel Transylvania Adam Sandler.	Hotel Transylvania (2) (15) Voices of Selena Gomez, Andy Samberg, Adam Sandler.			★ ★ ★ Hotel Transylvania (12, Ani) Kevin James, Andy Samberg, Adam Sandler.																			
57	CNN	(57) The 2000s "The Platinum Age of Television"		American Jail (2018, Documentary)	Watters World	Justice With Judge Jeanine	The Greg Gutfeld Show	Watters World																	