

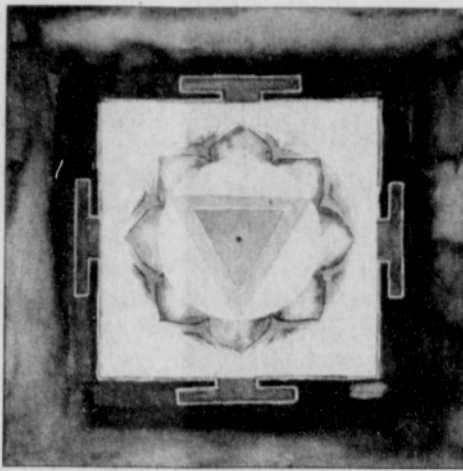
Focus

Talented Artists Coming to Alberta Gallery

The work of artists Serena Barton and Raina Imig will open at the Talisman Gallery on Northeast Alberta Street after a reception on Thursday, Aug. 28 from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Serena Barton's "A Joyful Frenzy" offers a dynamic collaboration between the past and present while Raina Imig paints watercolor mandalas in "Mandala Yantra #8," inspired by traditional floor art.

For information, visit www.talismangallery.com.



Left: One of the dynamic oil painting by Serena Barton coming to the Talisman Gallery on Alberta Street. Right: Raina Imig's "Mandala Yantra #8" evokes the sacred circle in Sanskrit.

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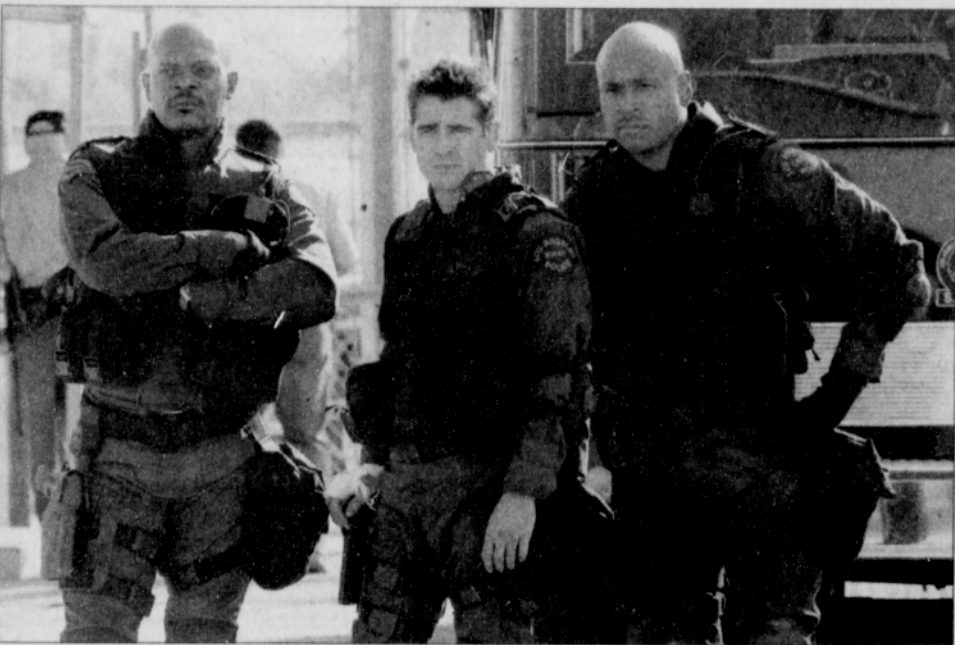
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'S.W.A.T.' Delivers Intense Action



Samuel L. Jackson (above), Colin Farrell and L.L. Cool J star in the summer action movie "S.W.A.T."

L.L. Cool J stars in high-impact stunts Rap legend/actor L.L. Cool J takes a "swat" at being a cop in his new film. James Todd Smith aka L.L. Cool J stars in S.W.A.T., the summer's most intense action film from Columbia Pictures. Inspired by the popular '70s television series, the film also stars Samuel L. Jackson and Colin Farrell.

Smith plays Deacon "Deke" Kaye, a dedicated police officer who is among several top-notch officers selected for a new S.W.A.T. team by commander Hondo (Jackson). Deke (Smith) is the type of officer that staunchly believes in his occupation and the morality it entails. He aggressively sets out to protect the innocent and keep people out of harms way.

Deke is very tenacious and focused. He gets to do a lot of cool things like jump over cars and shoot out of limousines; all of my childhood fantasies came to fruition in filming this movie," says Smith.

Also on the team is Jim Street (Farrell), an

L.A.P.D. officer desperate for another chance to wear the privileged S.W.A.T. uniform. After weeks of demanding physical training, their new S.W.A.T. team is quickly thrown into action when a notorious drug lord Aléx Montel (Oliver Martinez), boldly offers a \$100 million bounty to anyone who can free him from police custody. As they escort the kingpin out of Los Angeles and into the hands of the Feds, they are pursued by a ruthless and well-armed band of mercenaries.

According to Smith, S.W.A.T. is not filled with fictional fluff. To make the stunts as authentic as possible, he and the rest of the cast trudged through weeks of grueling S.W.A.T. training. The crew learned how to properly enter a room as well as how to handle and fire various guns correctly.

"We're really capturing the lifestyle and the realism of S.W.A.T. At the end of the day, I think people want to be entertained. They don't want to go to the movies and be bored," says Smith.

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