

Motherless Child Yearns for Reunion in Inspirational Family Flick



MOVIE REVIEWS

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Trinity Goodheart (Erica Gluck) is inconsolable from the moment her mother (Kellin Watson) vanishes into thin air through the fateful day she finds half of a heart-shaped pendant lying on her bed. Convincing herself that the precious keepsake was delivered by a guardian angel on behalf of her long-lost mother, the desperate 12 year-old seizes on the discovery as a promising sign of a possible impending reunion. After all, the saying inscribed on the back of the torn locket prophecies, "Every broken heart longs to be whole again."

Such wistful thinking is understandable given how immature her

The stressful situation has taken a toll on Trinity's performance at school where the once straight-A student finds herself at risk of suspension because of a declining attendance record. The problem is that the precocious adolescent is smart enough to understand that she and her panhandling dad urgently need someone to lean on, despite the fact that he is too proud to approach his attorney parents for help.

They consider Jeremy the black sheep of the family since he failed to follow in their footsteps by attending law school like his brother did. Meanwhile, Jeremy is even more estranged from his well-to-do in-laws, The Hawthornes, who never gave him a chance just because they didn't like the idea of a black man marrying their white daughter. Sadly, they even continued to refuse to reconcile after the birth of their only grandchild.

Over her father's objections, Trinity secretly tracks down both



from Beantown to Buffalo, the place she suspects holds the key to her missing mom's disappearance.

Thus unfolds Trinity Goodheart, a wholesome family flick based on a script by Rhonda Baraka. Though shot on a shoestring budget, Joanne Hock makes an impressive directorial debut with this modern morality play with an uplifting, if bittersweet message about forgiveness and the importance of family.

Much of the credit for the movie's success must be attributed to the chemistry generated between its talented co-stars, Erica Gluck and Eric Benet, given that the story primarily revolves around their characters' dysfunction-

al father-daughter relationship. Though an original production by the Gospel Music Channel Network, the film only hints at a faith-based agenda via light touches such as Trinity's name and lines like, "Don't forget to say your prayers."

A present-day parable delivering a powerful reminder that much wisdom often still comes from the mouths of babes.

Trinity Goodheart is set make its world premiere on the GMC-TV Network on Saturday, Aug. 20 at 9 PM ET/PT (8 PM CT) with additional airings on Sunday, Aug. 21 and Monday, Aug. 22 at 9 PM ET/PT (8 PM CT).

Trinity Goodheart
Excellent (4 stars)
Unrated
Running time: 84
Minutes
Distributor: GMC
Network (Gospel
Music Channel)

See a trailer for Trinity
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_4ZyWKq0xf0

"Every broken heart longs to be whole again."

father, Jeremy (Eric Benet), has been behaving lately. The aspiring musician has barely been able to keep a roof over their heads since quitting his steady job at a bank. Consequently, he's currently been reduced to playing his saxophone for tips on the streets of Boston.

sets of her grandparents on her own, reasonably expecting them to let bygones be bygones, if only for the sake of solving the mystery of her missing mother. However, when her surprisingly surfacing only stirs up old controversies, she decides to run away from home out of frustration, hitchhiking

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Friday August 19

WORK PARTY & BOWLING FRIDAY'S:

We will be partnering with Lewis Park and work to grow our own vegetable garden. Then we will go bowling for the rest of the afternoon and evening. 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. Jefferson Community Center, 3801 Beacon Ave. S. Call for details 206-684-7481.

Saturday August 20

KIDS COOK:

Dumpling- it's not only a cute nickname, but a tasty favorite. From dough to fillings, participants will learn how to create the perfect dumpling. For ages 5 to 10 years old. All children must be accompanied by an adult. 2 p.m. The Woodmark Hotel on Lake Washington, 1200 Carillon Point. Kirkland.

MOVIE IN THE PARK - TOY STORY 3:

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy a fun-filled, family-oriented evening. Pre-show entertainment starts at 7 p.m. Movie starts at dusk. Dacca Park, 2820 54th Ave. E. Fife, Washington

Saturday & Sunday August 20 & 21

EASTSIDE FUCHSIA SOCIETY PLANT SHOW AND SALE:

This show features a great selection of plants from Eastside gardeners. Free admission, costs for plants vary. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St. Bellevue.

Sunday August 21

BICYCLE SUNDAY!

Bicycle or walk along Lake Washington Blvd. South of Mt. Baker Beach to Seward Parks

entrance. Lake Washington Blvd will be closed to motorized traffic from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mt. Baker Beach, 2521 Lake Park Dr. S.

Thursday August 25

DR. FUNK FUNKY SOUL HORN BAND!

Dr. Funk will be performing at The City Hall noon concert. This is the last of the summer series. Noon - 1:30 p.m. City Hall, 600 4th Ave.

Friday August 26

ZULU JAM AT WASHINGTON HALL!

B-Boy/Girl Practice/Cyphers, Zulu DJs Rockin in Breaks, Funk Soul, Hip Hop and much more. Free for all ages. 7 p.m. Washington Hall 153 14th Ave.

Saturday August 27

BIG DAY OF PLAY AT MAGNUSON PARK!

The day will start with a fun run the 3 on 3 and 4 on the floor basketball and samples of activities. There's an activity for everyone tots, teens, adults and seniors. 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Magnuson Park.