

Arts & Entertainment

Kam's Kapsules: Movies Opening Friday, May 25

WIDE RELEASES

Solo: A Star Wars Story (PG-13 for violence and sci-fi action sequences) Second installment in the Star Wars anthology revolves around Han Solo's (Alden Ehrenreich) early escapades in a dark and dangerous underworld where he befriends his future co-pilot, Chewbacca (Jonas Suotamo). Supporting cast includes Donald Glover, Woody Harrelson, Emilia Clarke and Thandie Newton.

INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN

Future World (R for violence, nudity, sexuality, profanity and drug use) Sci-fi thriller about a desperate prince (Jeffrey Wahlberg) who embarks on an epic journey across a devastated wasteland in search of a mythical medicine which might cure



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erential biopic chronicling fashionista Andre' Leon Talley's overcoming humble roots and Jim Crow segregation on his way to a celebrated career at Vogue magazine. Featuring commentary by Sean "P.Diddy" Combs, Anna Winotur, Tom Ford, Whoopi Goldberg and will.i.am.

How Long Will I Love You (Unrated) Romantic time-travel fantasy about a woman living in 2018 who wakes up in bed with a man living in 1999. Co-starring Jiayin Lei, Liya Tong and Zheng Xu. (In Mandarin with subtitles)



'The Gospel According to Andre'

his terminally-ill mom (Lucy Liu). With James Franco, Snoop Dogg and Suki Waterhouse.

The Gospel According to Andre (PG-13 for mature themes and some suggestive content) Rev-

How to Talk to Girls at Parties (R for nudity, sexuality, drug use and pervasive profanity) Sci-fi comedy, set in London in '77, about a shy teen (Alex Sharp) who falls in love with a beautiful alien

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from another planet (Elle Fanning) he meets at an after-hours rave. With Nicole Kidman, Ruth Wilson and Matt Lucas.

In Darkness (Unrated) Crime thriller about a blind pianist (Natalie Dormer) who ends up on the run from Russian mobsters after hearing a neighbor (Emily Ratajkowski) murdered in her upstairs apartment. Featuring Ed Skrein, Joely Richardson and James Cosmo..

Mary Shelley (PG-13 for sexuality, mature themes and substance abuse) Elle Fanning plays the title character in this biopic about the rebellious teen who married the poet Percy Shelley (Douglas Booth) before writing the literary classic "Frankenstein." With Maisie Williams, Ben Hardy and Bel Powley.



'Solo'

The Misandrists (Unrated) Counter-cultural comedy, set in Berlin, revolving around a group of radical feminists intent on putting an end to patriarchy and ushering in a new world order. Ensemble cast includes Viva Ruiz, Caprice Crawford and Kembra Pfahler. (In English, German and Danish with subtitles)

Summer 1993 (Unrat-

ed) Poignant portrait of a traumatized, six-year-old orphan's (Laia Artigas) adjustment to a new life in the country with her aunt (Bruna Cusi), uncle (David Verdaguer) and cousin (Paula Robles). With Montse Sanz, Isabel Rocatti and Fermi Reixach. (In Catalan with subtitles)

Who We Are Now (Unrated) Tale of redemp-

tion revolving around an ex-con's (Julianne Nicholson) attempt to regain custody of her son with the help of a public defender (Emma Roberts) after spending a decade behind bars for manslaughter. Support cast includes Zachary Quinto, Gloria Reuben, Jimmy Smits, Jason Biggs and Jess Weixler.

FILM REVIEW: 'Carter & June' Has Shades of 'Baby Driver'

By Kam Williams
For The Skanner News

"Baby Driver" was this critic's pick for the #1 movie of 2017. It never takes very long for idea-bereft Hollywood to imitate a big hit. Exhibit A: "Carter & June," a bank-robbery flick which fails to measure up to "Baby Driver," whether or not that cinematic masterpiece served as the source of director/co-writer Nicholas Kalikow's inspiration.

A la "Baby Driver," "Carter & June" revolves around a waitress and mobster under the thumb of a Machiavellian villain. But where the former film featured an A-list cast with Jamie Foxx, Jon Hamm, Kevin Spacey and Ansel Elgort, the latter's ensemble doesn't have any matinee idols.

Michael Raymond-James and Samaire Armstrong co-star as the title characters Carter and June,

respectively, in this action-driven dramedy set in New Orleans. Like the protagonist of "Baby Driver," Carter is a small-time crook looking to go legit. Trouble is he's indebted to Spencer Rabbit (Timothy Omundson), a vicious crime boss operating with impunity in the city because so many crooked cops, including the police commissioner (Paul Rae), are on the take.

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At the point of departure, we find Carter losing a load of Rabbit's cash during a drug deal gone bad. That means the only way to



Michael Raymond-James and Samaire Armstrong co-star as the title characters in 'Carter & June'

get back in the kingpin's good graces and out of his unsavory line of work once and for all is to participate in an elaborate heist of a cool half-million dollars from the New Orleans Bank & Trust. Of course, that will prove easier said than done.

Unfortunately, for the audience's purposes, the screen is littered with more sidebars and support characters than you might care to keep track of. For instance, there's a compromised cop (James Landry Herbert) with a greedy wife (Lindsay Musil) who's secretly sleeping with a local preacher (Will Beinbrink). And June just happens to be in the midst a bitter custody battle with her vindictive ex over their young daughter.

An overplotted mess that throws everything but the kitchen sink up on the screen.

Fair ★

Unrated

Running time: 87 minutes

Production Studios: Sacred Bull Media / Octane Entertainment

Distributor: Freestyle Digital Media

SHOWTIMES

ACADEMY THEATER

The Week of Friday, May 25 through Thursday, May 31

READY PLAYER ONE (PG-13) Fri-Thur: 11:15, 3:45, 6:35	BLACK PANTHER (PG-13) Fri-Thur: 1:55, 7:10, 9:15
LOVE, SIMON (PG-13) Fri-Thur: 1:25, 9:25	NAUSICAA OF THE VALLEY OF THE WIND (KAZE NO TANI NO NAUSHIKA) (PG) Fri-Thur: 11:25, 4:40, 9:55
A WRINKLE IN TIME (PG) Fri-Thur: 11:05, 4:30	<i>\$4 adults, \$3 senior citizens (65+), \$3 for kids (12 & under)</i>
ANNIHILATION (R) Fri-Thur: 2:05, 6:50	

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