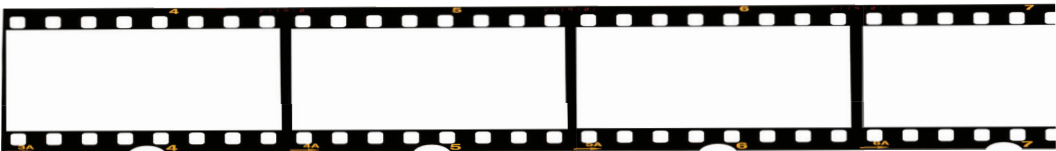




5 Best Movies of 2024

WORDS AND ZINE DESIGN
by Nicholas Escobedo



Love Lies Bleeding

Love Lies Bleeding is filled with beaming neon lights, a pumping synthesizer soundtrack, and hairdos with so much hair spray that you can smell it through the screen. This A24 crime thriller has heavy influences of *Thelma and Louis* but with an '80s twist, and serves the audience an exciting time with shootouts or a heartfelt story of the perseverance of love and femininity.



Streaming on Max
Rated R



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Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga

Director George Miller makes up for nine years of waiting for the prequel to *Mad Max: Fury Road* in 149 minutes of explosive action, boiling gasoline, and endless chrome. Joy becomes an explosive force of nature that proves that female characters with empowering storylines can carry action flicks. *Furiosa* also proves that the *Mad Max* franchise is not just about one character – there's a whole universe of stories to unearth here.

Anora

Director Sean Baker is back with *Anora*, another drama that explores a seedy world that captivates with its neon-tinged visuals and tragic storyline of two young lovers. Baker effortlessly combines dramatic, striking themes in this film with a bit of humor, and showcases his masterful technique of expressing both the highs and lows of people living out-of-ordinary lives. *Anora* is perhaps his strongest title in delivering both laughs and sorrow.



Now showing in theaters
Rated R

I Saw The TV Glow



Streaming on Max
Rated PG-13

An homage to the corny tween shows of the '90s and to those who are trapped within their own skin, *I Saw the TV Glow* is a harrowing tale filled with horror, mystery, and heartache. What initially seems to be a reality-warping horror movie becomes an introspective story on how one can repress their true identity due to fears of repercussions and being judged. The story is both a mind-bender and a tear-jerker, and is perfectly complemented by an airy and atmospheric Alex G soundtrack.



Streaming on
Amazon Prime Video
Rated R

Challengers

Luca Guadagnino enlists A-lister Zendaya, Mike Faist and Josh O'Conner in this sweaty tale of tennis players trapped in a love triangle. The film has a perfectly paced plot as it constantly switches between the present and the past without becoming convoluted and confusing. A highlight of the film is Trent Reznor's soundtrack that has the signature industrial sounds of his Nine Inch Nails band with the groove of a club beat. The tracks have loud, slamming drums that raise the tension of scenes when characters are arguing or battling it out on the court.



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