Rafi's Reviews Film Reviews & Community Events

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My name is Raphael Isaac but everyone calls me Rafi. I am a REALTOR by profession and a film buff by hobby. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in film & video production from

the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, NY in 1991. At the same time, I became a licensed real estate agent in NY and immediately went to work for a management and real estate investment company in Manhattan. Fast forward to today and I now live in Chandler with my wife and three children.

I am an active member of the Southeast Valley Association of Realtors, volunteer on several committees including representing SEVRAR to the Arizona Regional MLS committee. I have been a broker since 2002.

<u>Real Estate Values</u> Using an average of the square foot sold and listed prices I have compiled the following information for our local Neighborhoods:

	List Price	Sold Price
Kerby Estates	\$131	\$135
Pinelake Village	\$158	\$149
Rockwood Est	\$122	\$122
Symphony III	\$132	\$129

Information taken from ARMLS on 5-15-14. All information is deemed reliable but not guaranteed.

Call me if you have any questions: 480-895-1983.

About This Newsletter

My love of movies is what inspired me to write this monthly newsletter and share my thoughts and opinions about upcoming feature films and interesting documentaries. I would also like to announce upcoming community events; garage sales, holiday events, etc.

Feedback and community events are always welcome so send me an email at Rafi.Isaac@gmail.com or call me at (480) 895-1983 to have something printed in the next newsletter as space permits.

In Theaters - Coming Soon

"X-Men: Days of Future Past" Release: May 23rd MPAA rating: PG13



The ultimate X-Men ensemble fights a war for the survival of the species across two time periods in X-MEN: DAYS OF FUTURE PAST. The beloved characters from the original "X-Men" film trilogy join forces with their younger selves from the past, "X-Men: First Class," in order to change a major historical event and fight in an epic battle that could save our future. (c) Fox

Should be a lot of fun and ties in perfectly with Phoenix's Comicon on June 5-8. See you on line!

"Blended" Release date: May 23rd MPAA rating: PG-13



After a disastrous blind date, single parents Lauren and Jim agree on only one thing: they never want to see each other again. But when they each sign up separately for a fabulous family vacation with their kids, they are all stuck sharing a suite at a luxurious African safari resort for a week in "Blended," the third comedy collaboration between stars Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore.(c) Warner Bros

I love Adam Sandler as a comedian, but I am always amazed at how well his horrible movies do at the box office. This one just looks dreadful.

"The Angriest Man in Brooklyn" Release date: May 23rd MPAA rating: R



Mismatched cast of Robin Williams and Mila Kunis in a story of a man (Williams) learning erroneously that he only has 90 minutes to live by an angry doctor (Kunis) who blurts out his prognosis during a momentary lapse of judgment. She spends the rest of the film looking for him, and he spends it apologizing to all the people he has wronged in his life. I think I will pass on this one.





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Netflix Documentaries

<u>Films – Cont.</u> "A Million Ways to Die in the West" Release date: May 30th MPAA Rating: R



Seth MacFarlane directs, produces, co-writes and plays the role of the cowardly sheep farmer Albert in A Million Ways to Die in the West. After Albert backs out of a gunfight, his fickle girlfriend leaves him for another man. When a mysterious and beautiful woman rides into town, she helps him find his courage and they begin to fall in love. But when her husband, a notorious outlaw, arrives seeking revenge, the farmer must put his newfound courage to the test. Starring alongside MacFarlane are Oscar (R) winner Charlize Theron, Liam Neeson, Amanda Seyfried, Giovanni Ribisi, Sarah Silverman and Neil Patrick Harris. (c)Universal

NOT family friendly, but if you like "Family Guy" and loved "Ted" you will undoubtedly love this next flick from the twisted mind of Seth MacFarlane. Probably very juvenile and forgettable, but fun and enjoyable while you are sitting in the theater. I am still laughing from the trailer!

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"Don't Stop Believin': Everyman's Journey"

Run Time: 113 minutes

If you enjoy the music of Journey, then you have to watch this documentary about how they discovered their current lead singer, Arnel Pineda, in the Philippines. Neal Schon, the lead guitarist, was searching the web in an effort to find the band's next lead singer after Steve Augeri dropped out due to a throat ailment. Neal had all but given up on the search when he stumbled upon Arnel's covers of Journey songs with his band "Zoo," which a friend had posted to YouTube. He invited Arnel to audition in San Francisco and the rest is history. The film does not delve too deeply into the history of Journey or its members, and assumes at times that you have a basic knowledge of the music. However, it is an interesting look at how an aging band has reinvented itself while introducing old and new fans alike to a charming, witty and grateful lead singer. A rock-n-roll Cinderella story!

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Community Events:

<u>PHOENIX COMICON:</u> June 5th - 8th at the Phoenix Convention Center. Come meet some of your favorite stars from film and television, Anime, Authors, Gaming and of course Comic Books, including Stan Lee, Bruce Campbell, John Barrowman, Julie Newmar and Adam West, to name a few. Please visit www.PhoenixComicon.com for more details and tickets.

Arizona Dreamin'/Buildin' the Dream: May 30th - June 1st. Embassy Suites Paradise Valley/Scottsdale • 20 authors of VARIOUS GENRES of romance. • SPEED-MEET the authors • Author Q&A sessions • Friday Night "ROMANCE ON BROADWAY" wine reception with "Cashless" Auction & Live Broadway-style Entertainment! Dress for Broadway - on or off the stage! • DISCOUNTED BOOK PRICING • All-you-can-eat BUFFET DINNER • "MAN OF OUR DREAMS" cover model competition • RAFFLE BASKETS • FREE GOODY BAGS and ARIZONA DREAMIN' T-SHIRTS for everyone! • Please visit www.arizonadreaminevent.com for details and tickets.