



Raul Julia is Kalibanos, a lecherous goat herder who tries to seduce Miranda, played by Molly Ringwald, in Paul Mazursky's "Tempest."



the movies  
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## Little bit of magic lends excitement to structured life

"We are such stuff as dreams are made on, and our little life is rounded with a sleep."  
"The Tempest," Act IV, Scene I.

Architect Phillip Dimitrios (John Cassavetes) lives in a high-tech Manhattan apartment. He works exclusively for a gambling czar, Alonzo (Vittorio Gassman), designing casinos and whatever else the boss wants.

He travels, mixes with celebrities and enjoys the attentions of his lovely ex-actress wife (Gena Rowlands) and his attractive teenage daughter Miranda (Molly Ringwald).

That's the reality of Phillip's life. It is cool, stable, predictable — a principality of order in an urban jungle. But where is the passion, the mystery, the magic? "Show me the magic!" Phillip shouts to the heavens. He finds it on an isolated Greek island.

Paul Mazursky, responsible for "Bob and Carol and Ted and Alice" and "An Unmarried Woman," directed and with Leon Capetanos co-wrote "Tempest" (PG). It is loosely based on Shakespeare's play. Mazursky has integrated a male, mid-life crisis story within the framework of Shakespeare's energetic drama. It is an imaginative, exciting and largely successful reworking of the material.

MAZURSKY'S PHILLIP takes Miranda with him and flees from the city, his wife, his job and his boss. He goes to Greece where he meets a free-spirited, wandering American, Aretha (Susan Sarandon), and the three of them go off to a nearly deserted island whose only resident is a lecherous goat herder, Kalibanos (Raul Julia).

Mazursky's tale cuts back and forth between events of the past and the present and between the natural, rugged beauty of the island and the man-made monuments of Manhattan. Director of photography Don McAlpine ("Breaker Morant," "My Brilliant Career") catches the miracle of light and color in all the locales and settings with pictures so bright and crisp a viewer is tempted to reach for sunglasses.

Even so, the movie does stall at times, and Phillip does get on one's nerves with his lord-of-the-manner behavior. Saving it from these moments are wonderful characterizations and a script filled with wit, humor and social insights.

Newcomer Molly Ringwald makes an eye-catching debut as Miranda. In New York, she was eager to go away with her father. On the island, she suffers teenage pop-culture withdrawal symptoms and longs for a fix of TV, pizza and a Go-Gos concert.

She also would like some male companionship. The only men on the island are her overprotective father and the primitive Kalibanos.

RAUL JULIA PROVIDES an electric core of energy to "Tempest" with his rich, earthy portrayal of Kalibanos. Whatever he says or does is captivating, whether he is trying to seduce Miranda or playing the clarinet for his goats. (In one of the movie's funniest scenes, he plays, but they don't respond until he switches from a pastoral tune to "New York, New York.")

If all this sounds kind of crazy, it is. Mazursky freely shifts between reality and fantasy, and you have to be willing to make the shift with him. The magic is there. Not the magic of the storm, although there is a whisper of a storm, but of wild, comic moments of music, people and animals.

When the storm finally strikes, late in the film, it tosses on shore all the people from whom Phillip's been escaping. The scene is set for the resolution and a tidy ending.

It's back to reality, but what an unforgettable detour.



## 'Class of 1984'

Twenty-two-year-old Timothy Van Patten makes his film debut as Peter Stegman, a brilliant but psychotic student who leads a gang of thugs in "Class of 1984." The movie is held over at Detroit-area theaters. Van Patten became widely known to TV audiences as the character Salami in "The White Shadow."

## what's at the movies

**ANNIE (PG).** The successful Broadway musical is expanded and brought to the screen by director John Huston, with talented Aileen Quinn as Annie and Albert Finney and Carol Burnett.

**THE CHOSEN (PG).** Chaim Potok's novel of two teenage friends whose lives interlock during the early '40s in the midst of World War II in a parochial Jewish community in Brooklyn. Stars Maximilian Schell, Rod Steiger and Robby Benson.

**CLASS OF 1984 (R).** Set in future, with all the situations taken from documented real-life occurrences in American schools. Stars Perry King, Merrie Lynn Ross, Roddy McDowall and Timothy Van Patten.

**DIVA (R).** New-wave film from France is a comedy, a thriller and a romance. Written by Jean-Jacques Beineix, directed by Philippe Rousselet.

**E.T. THE EXTRATERRESTRIAL (PG).** Steven Spielberg's best film yet, and probably the best film of the year, develops story of an alien being stranded on earth and befriended by a young boy.

**LAST TANGO IN PARIS (X).** Bernardo Bertolucci's story of pas-

sion, starring Marlon Brando and Maria Schneider, makes a reappearance.

**LE BEAU MARIAGE (PG).** Tale of a young woman who decides she's going to be married, picks her target and proceeds. Written and directed by Eric Rohmer, stars Beatrice Romand, Andre Dussollier and Artelle Dombale.

**AN OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN (R).** Richard Gere and Debra Winger in love story about a loner trying to rise above his scary past and become a naval aviation officer.

**PINK FLOYD THE WALL (R).** Film interpretation of Pink Floyd album with emphasis on revolting images.

**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT.** Philippe de Broca directs French farce about accomplished musician with equal skills as an insatiable philanderer. Stars Jean Rochefort, Nicole Garcia, Annie Girardot and Danielle Darrieux.

### MOVIE RATING GUIDE

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