



# Unlikely trio makes passionate 'Threesome'

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When they said the dorms were coed, they didn't mean guys and girls would be assigned to the same rooms. But Alex has a name that puts her in the male column, as far as the university computer is concerned, so she finds herself squeezed into the most intimate of living arrangements with two guys she has never met before.

As different as they are from each other, Eddy and Stuart have become best buddies in the short time they've roomed together, and they aren't quite sure how to react to this beautiful but prickly insider. It doesn't take long, however, for all three to become friends, then much more as their relationship evolves into a triangle of love, passion and mixed signals.

Lara Flynn Boyle, Stephen Baldwin and Josh Charles star in "Threesome," a comedic yet bit-

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ing look at college life. The TriStar Pictures presentation of a Motion Picture Corporation of America Production is written and directed by Andrew Fleming and produced by Brad Krevoy and Steve Stabler. The executive producer is Cary Woods, and co-producer is Brad Jenkel.

Wanting to explain the boundaries of friendship further, Fleming decided to see what would happen when he put members of both sexes, and of differing sexual orientations, together in close quarters. The result: "Threesome."

Alex, played by Boyle, is a drama student who finds Eddy intellectually and emotionally stimulating, but who reluctantly must look elsewhere to satisfy her physical needs. Baldwin, in the role of Stuart, is a party-heavy business student with an unflagging interest in booze and sex. Eddy, played by Charles, is a

young man whose studious, serious side doesn't prevent him from kicking back and having uninhibitedly good times with best friends Stuart and Alex.

Boyle has appeared in movies such as "Masters of the Sex" and "Where the Day Takes You." She also played the role of Donna Hayward in the provocative series "Twin Peaks."

Baldwin is perhaps best known for his television role in "The Young Riders," but has also appeared on the big screen in hits such as "Born on the Fourth of July," "Crossing the Bridge" and "The Beast."

Charles starred in "Dead Poets Society," and on television in "Murder in Mississippi" and "Covertown."

"Threesome" features a mix of rock music from General Public, Tears for Fears and U2.

The film is set to be released in local theaters this week.

It is rated R (Restricted, under 18 requires an accompanying parent or guardian).



Complicated trio: Alex (Lara Flynn Boyle), Stuart (Stephen Baldwin) and Eddy (Josh Charles) are college roommates whose friendship evolves into a triangle of passion and mixed signals in the contemporary comedy "Threesome."

# Producers take the easy road in 'Major League' sequel

**AP** — When a movie scores a home run — or even a three-bagger — the options for a sequel are plentiful.

1. The producers can follow the "Star Wars" formula and take the same characters into a new and original adventure. This requires talent and imagination.

2. They can go along with the "Predator" method and pile on stunts, special effects and production values. This is very, very expensive.

3. They can go the way of "Home Alone" and repeat the same plot with tiny variations.

This is easy.

The producers of "Major League II" took the easy way.

There is little to distinguish the first "Major League" (itself a moderate hit) from the 1994 model. The same characters, mostly. The same plot, almost. The same ending, entirely. That doesn't mean "Major League II" is not enjoyable. In many ways it is a book, a pleasant way to spend 105 minutes in the theater, especially if you are a devotee of what used to be called America's Favorite Pastime.

The three teammates are back

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with the Cleveland Indians, older but no wiser. Pitcher Rick Vaughn (Charlie Sheen), the one-time hog-riding Wild Thing, turns up with tailored suits and a curly agent. Catcher Jake Taylor (Tom Berenger) returns with aching knees and an inkling that his playing days are over.

Third baseman Roger Dorn (Corbin Bernsen) has somehow bought ownership from the predatory general manager (Margaret Whitton) and desperately

watches his hapless team from the clubhouse.

The returning Indians include Pedro Cerrano (Dennis Haysbert), who has traded voodoo for Buddhism, and Willie Mays Hays (Omar Epps), who became a movie action hero in the off-season.

Among the new players: Tanaka (Japanese comedian Takashi Ishibashi), a kamakazi outfielder from the Tokyo Giants;

Rube Baker (Eric Bruskotter), the hayseed catcher who has a block about throwing back to the pitcher; and Jack Parkman (David Keith), the meanest player in the majors. All these plus the great Bob Eucker as the team's radio announcer, and the unkillable Randy Quaid as an obnoxious fan.

This motley group supplies enough mirth to carry the team

along the familiar path of falling apart and regrouping to challenge the league championship. David Ward repeats as director, and he displays a clever hand with comedy and the diamond action. He wrote the serviceable script with R.J. Stewart.

The Warner Bros. release of a Morgan Creek film was produced by James G. Robin. The rating is PG, mostly for language.

# Redford Theatre hosts organ concert

The historic Redford Theatre, 2560 Lahser Road at Grand River, presents "Spring Into Spring" 8 p.m. Saturday, April 9. Tickets are \$8, and available during regular scheduled movie nights at the theater. Tickets will be available the night of the performance at the theater box office. Call (313) 337-2560 for information.

Featuring concert organist Melissa Ambrose concert, Ernie Willoughby, tenor and Patricia Duensing, soprano, the concert will feature tunes about spring.

and some of your favorites from the big screen and stage.

Ambrose has a bachelor of arts degree in organ performance and is continuing her education toward a master's degree at the University of Michigan. She is currently the organist and associate director of music at First Congregational Church in Royal Oak.

Willoughby is a member of the Madrigal Chorus of Southfield, and a tenor soloist at Nativity Episcopal Church in Bloomfield Township. He was a member of

the Michigan Opera Theatre Chorus during the spring 1993 season, and sang with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra when they presented their DSO Pops Weekends in 1992.

Duensing is a soloist, alto section leader, and audition chairman for the Madrigal Chorus of Southfield. She is a member and serves on the board of the Birmingham Musicale as National Music Week Chairperson. Before coming to Michigan, she was a professional member of the Chicago Symphony Chorus.

# UPCOMING MOVIES

There's something for everyone in the movies. Here's a list of what's in the wings:

■ **Opening Friday, April 8** — "Jurassic Park" — (DIA exclusive) a gripping tale about two dinosaurs and the story of a curse that killed the fates of their ancestors and those they are about to meet.

■ **Opening Friday, April 15** — "2001: A Space Odyssey" — The adventures of the average suburban Robinson family are changed when a no-nonsense veteran cop moves in to stake out the house next door. Comedy starring Chevy Chase.

■ **"White Fang 2: Myth of the White Wolf"** — Disney sequel adventure finds Jack London's legendary animal and his new master facing danger and excitement.

■ **"Surviving the Game"** — A homeless man discovers he has been recruited as a human hunting target and must use his street smarts and instinct in order to survive.

■ **"Serial Mom"** — A black comedy about the "perfect suburban family" and the possibility that

"Mom" may have segued from car-pooling into aerial killing. Opening Friday, April 22

■ **"Brainiac"** — Teenage boy faces a living nightmare when his playing of an interactive fantasy game might in fact be responsible for real murders.

■ **"Chasers"** — A couple of "Chasers" (the Navy equivalent of MPs) retrieve an errant enlisted woman and find themselves well over their heads on an eventful trip back to their base.

**"WARM, FUNNY AND TREMENDOUSLY ENTERTAINING. I LOVE THIS MOVIE!"**

**"HILARIOUS... YOU'LL LAUGH... TH. IT HURTS."**

**threesome**

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