

GOING TO THE MOVIES

'Airheads' rock airwaves



The Lone Rangers, a struggling Los Angeles rock and roll band, just about have it all: the sound, the look, the attitude. If they can just get their song played, surely everyone will recognize their talents, and record companies will come begging for their services.

But with all they have going for them, The Lone Rangers can't even get arrested, until they inadvertently take a radio station hostage in an attempt to get their demo played in "Airheads" now playing at metro Detroit movie theaters.

A Twentieth Century Fox presentation, "Airheads" stars Brendan Fraser, Steve Buscemi, Adam Sandler, Chris Farley, Michael McKean, Judd Nelson, with Michael Richards and Joe Mantegna. It is directed by Michael Lehmann and written by Rich Wilkes.

This film is not a goofy spoof of rock and roll," said director Michael Lehmann. "The characters take themselves seriously and the

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situation plays itself out as a pretty straight-forward hostage drama, but from a humorous perspective. The guys in this band aren't really dangerous, they're just rock and rollers who want "The three bandmembers represent different types of rock and rollers," according to producer Robert Simmonds. "Lead singer Chazz (played by Brendan Fraser), for instance, is the disenfranchised artist. He believes his music to be art and has a great deal of integrity when it comes to the music. He just wants to be heard."

"Bass player Rex (Steve Buscemi) embodies the raucous hostility and rebellion of youth. The problem is he's getting old and should have given up on rock a long time ago."

"And drummer Pip (Adam Sandler) is along for the ride. He goes with the flow, almost Zen-like."

In addition to our heroes —

known collectively as The Lone Rangers — "Airheads" features a gallery of comic characters portrayed by an impressive ensemble cast.

Joe Mantegna plays Ian, the radio station's aging star DJ, Michael Richards, who plays the baffling Kramer on the hit television series "Seinfeld," is Doug Beech, a much put-upon station employee who tries to thwart the three musicians' plans. Chris Farley, a standout cast member of "Saturday Night Live," plays a cop caught up in the frenetic hostage negotiations.

Amy Locane plays Chazz's disillusioned girlfriend, Kayla. Ernie Hudson plays Sgt. O'Malley, the cop in charge of the hostage situation. Michael McKean, also a "Saturday Night Live" cast member — is Milo, the radio station's weasel-like program manager.

Judd Nelson plays Jimmy Wing, a sleazy record company exec. And Nina Siemasko is Susi, a radio station secretary who has designs on Pip.



Lone Rangers: Judd Nelson (left) plays Jimmy Wing, a sleazy record company executive and Brendan Fraser, Chazz, a musician in "Airheads."

Win tickets to movie about lovable seal

Don't miss this great opportunity to win four tickets to take your family to a preview screening of "Andre" the story of a seal who adopted a New England family.

It's easy to enter. Just write and tell us about an animal who adopted your family.

Maybe it was a stray cat who refused to leave your doorstep. A dog that followed you home. Or it could be a dog or cat you adopted from an animal shelter that fit right in, and has adopted you to become like one of the family. I've heard of squirrels adopting families, and birds too.

Write and tell us about your experience to win four tickets to take your family to a screening of "Andre" on Tuesday, Aug. 16. The film opens Wednesday, Aug. 17 at metro Detroit movie theaters.

The deadline to enter is Tuesday, Aug. 9. Winners will be notified by phone. There will be 10 winners, including a grand prize winner, who will receive four tickets each.

In addition to movie tickets, the grand prize winner will receive a 4-inch, plush replica of Andre the Seal and a movie poster. Observer & Eccentric employees and their families are not eligible.

Entries can be faxed to Keely Wygonik Taste/Entertainment editor (313) 591-7270 or dropped off by noon Tuesday, Aug. 9 at the

front desk of our Livonia office, 36251 Schoolcraft or Birmingham office, 905 East Maple, Birmingham.

Call (313) 953-2105 if you have any questions.

Send along a picture of your adopted pet, with a self-addressed stamped envelope if you like.

"Andre," set in Rockport, Maine in 1962, is the heart-warming epic story of a seal whose life became legend when he adopted the Goodridge family. For many summers he journeyed hundreds of miles to be with his adopted family. The story is based on the book "A Seal Called Andre," by Harry Goodridge and Lew Dietz.

"Andre" a Paramount Pictures release, is rated PG (Parental Guidance Suggested). Some material may not be suitable for children) for teen mischief, mild violence and language.



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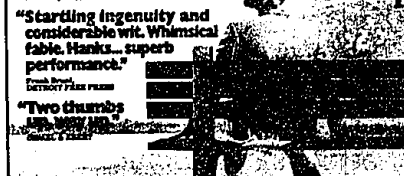
Legendary seal: "Andre" stars in a movie about a seal who journeys hundreds of miles every summer to be with his adopted family.

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A miracle! The film to beat for Best of 1994! A skyrocketing swirl of imagination, humor and heartstopping emotion... Fantastic comedy-drama. The journey leaves you dizzy and fulfilled. Tom Hanks... a flawless performance, said it makes the movie fly. Zemeckis' movie strikes emotional chords that most Hollywood filmmakers have never even heard. Richly moving."

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Two thumbs up. Very good. Excellent. A classic.



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UPCOMING MOVIES

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

Opening Friday, August 5
"Desperate Remedies" — Romantic drama set in the 19th century in an imaginary New Zealand town about women and when and themes to outmaneuver each other in the game of love.

"The Little Rascals" — Span and all the gang are back for mischief and laughs in this feature-length comedy inspired by the popular series of the 1930s and 1940s.

Opening Friday, August 12
"The Next Karate Kid" — Mikey, the wise karate mentor is caught together with the teenage granddaughter of an old war buddy who saved his life, and must teach her to find the strength to defeat her foes and to be herself.

"In The Army Now" — Come about an unlikely soldier who called on a mission and finds himself in actual combat.

Opening Wednesday, Aug. 17
"Andre" — Based on the book "A Seal Called Andre," this family adventure film is a heartwarming story of a seal whose life became legend when he adopted a New England family.

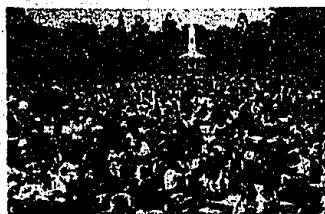
An Old-Fashioned Concert in the Park

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Greenfield Village.
Fri., August 12, and Sat., August 13, 1994.



Erich Kunzel, conductor
Charles Deval, trumpet and cornet player
Mr. Deval is the former principal trumpet for the Boston Pops.

The program features turn-of-the-century music by Stephen Foster ("Oh Susanna"), Scott Joplin ("The Entertainer"), John Philip Sousa ("The Washington Post March"), Aaron Copland ("John Henry, Railroad Ballad"), and other American favorites.



Greenfield Village grounds open at 7:00 pm for special pre-concert activities.
Concerts begin at 8:30 pm.
Tickets: \$15 Adults, \$7 Ages 5-12.
Discounts of \$3.00 off for adults, and \$1.00 off for children available for groups of twenty or more. Call (313) 963-2610.

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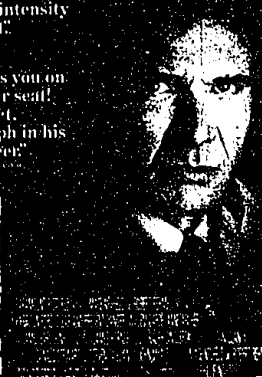
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"A SIZZLING edge of your seat, hold on for dear life thriller!"

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