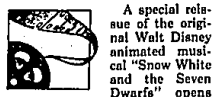


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Memorable moments: *The Wicked Queen offers Snow White the poisoned apple in "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," a special reissue of the Disney movie legend.*

'Snow White'

Animated musical classic returns



A special reissue of the original Walt Disney animated musical "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" opens Friday at suburban movie theaters.

The film features eight songs by Frank Churchill and Larry Morey, with an underscore provided by Leigh Harline, Frank Churchill and Paul J. Smith, and includes never-before-released material from music archives.

An original motion picture soundtrack featuring some of the best-known songs in movie musical history, including "Someday My Prince Will Come," "Heigh Ho," and "Whistle While You Work," was released June 16 to coincide with the opening of the film.

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Studios, was released in 1937. The film surprised critics when it became a runaway box office success.

In 1938, "Snow White" received one special Oscar and seven little Oscars from the Academy of Motion Pictures, presented by Shirley Temple for "significant screen innovation which has charmed millions and pioneered a great new entertainment field for the motion picture canon."

Originally planned as something closer to a Broadway production, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" was conceived around music from the beginning. Unfortunately, early attempts at songs for the movie did not satisfy Walt Disney.

Unlike the Hollywood musical of the day, in which songs were used without regard to story, Disney wanted songs that enhanced

the story line.

"We should set a new pattern, a new way to use music," Disney told his staff during the early stages of production. "Weave it into the story so somebody doesn't just burst into song."

The task of creating music to tell the story was a great undertaking, and by the time the film was completed, Disney Music staffers Frank Churchill and Larry Morey had written 25 songs. Only eight of these songs ended up in the film.

In 1938, "The Hit Parade" featured an unprecedented six songs from the film — "Someday My Prince Will Come," "Whistle While You Work," "Heigh Ho," "One Song," "With A Smile and a Song" and "I'm Wishing."

Chanting their way through "Heigh Ho" as the dwarfs art vaudeville comic Roy Atwell as Doc, comedian Billy Gilbert as Sneezy, Scott Mattraw as Bashful, Otis Harlan as Happy and Pinto Colvig as both Grumpy and Sleepy. Only six dwarfs are credited because Disney never speaks. It is rated G (General Audience: All Ages Admitted).

The movie opens Friday at these suburban movie theaters — AMC Americana West, AMC Southfield City, AMC Wonderland, General Cinema Canton: Cinema, Nauti Town Center, Showcase Westland, Star Winchester, United Artists Oakland and United Artists West River.

Little Leaguer buoys Chicago Cubs in 'Rookie of the Year'

Comedy: Thomas Ian Nicholas stars as Henry Rowengartner in "Rookie of the Year," a comedy opening July 7.



Twelve-year-old Henry Rowengartner dreams the dreams of most Little League players his age: Hitting the game-winning homer in the ninth, pitching a shut-out or making a diving catch. Sadly, Henry's reality is that he is an enthusiastic yet somewhat clumsy ballplayer.

It's those two qualities that lead Rowengartner to suffer a serious break to the arm. When he heals four months later, something very unusual happens in "Rookie of the Year," a comedy directed by actor Daniel Stern ("Home Alone") opening Wednesday, July 7 in suburban movie theaters.

Rowengartner makes the leap from Little League to major leagues when the accident endows him with a magical pitching arm that may just bring a pennant to his beloved, long-suffering Chicago Cubs.

Twentieth Century Fox presents a Robert Harper production of a Daniel Stern Film, "Rookie of

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"Rookie of the Year," starring Thomas Ian Nicholas, Gary Busey, Dan Hedaya and George.

Beyond the fantasy of Henry trying to pitch the Cubs into the World Series, "Rookie of the Year" also touches on the proposition that every child is special and in some way touched by a bit of genius or even magic.

Production of "Rookie of the Year" took place entirely in Chicago. Wrigley Field was used for 20 days of filming and Chicago's Comiskey Park doubled for Dodger Stadium.

The movie is rated PG (parental guidance suggested).

heir apparent owner of the team, Robert Gorman and Patrick LaBrecque are cast as Henry's best friends, Clark and George.

"Rookie of the Year" opens Wednesday, July 7 at these suburban movie theaters: Americana West, AMC Southfield City, Showcase Westland, AMC Laurel Park and United Artists 12 Oaks.

Omnimax film shows volcanos

The Omnimax film "Ring of Fire" — presenting spectacular views of volcanic eruptions from Mount St. Helens, Nevada in Chile and Sakurajima in Japan — will play through Dec. 31 at the Detroit Science Center, 6020 John R at East Warren, Detroit. Call 677-8400.

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