



Amber Benson is amazing..., 25 September 2002



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Chance premiered at the SideWalk Film Festival 22 September, 2002. As of right now, there are no distribution deals and no further plans to show the film, but that could, of course, change. And I hope with all of my heart it does.

Chance is a dark comedy about a chapter in the life of a young woman searching to find herself. It stars Amber Benson and James Marsters as Chance and Simon respectively. Also appearing in the film are Nate Barlow, Andy Hallett (the Host on Angel), Tressa diFiglia (Nicholas Brendon's wife), and Christine Estabrook.

The movie is hilarious! Definitely along my tastes in humour, and Amber did a fantastic job doing everything for this film - a true Indie movie. The soundtrack, provided by Grant Langston (with the beautiful song over the opening credits having been written by Joss Whedon), was awesome, funny, and touching. Pretty blunt, too, which served the story perfectly.

I was so afraid this movie would suck as much as I love Amber Benson. It didn't. It was much better than a lot of the movies I've seen lately. Amber was fantastic and James was so adorable it was scary.

If you get the chance (haha), see this movie. You will not be disappointed.

Even better than expected!, 22 September 2002



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I just saw this movie today at its world premiere (at the Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival in Birmingham, AL) and it was absolutely amazing! I mean, I was expecting good things, with all the wonderful actors participating, but I was blown away by Amber Benson's brilliant and inspiring script. The dialogue--including some hilarious direct commentary by Chance herself--was quick, witty and entertaining, while at the same time insightful. Even though Chance's character is nothing like me (I'm more of a Simon myself), I could completely relate to her, simply because of the raw and realistic (in a surrealistic way, at least) of her.

This movie was also HILARIOUS. The entire audience laughed constantly, and not AT the movie. All it takes is James Marsters wearing ... Well, I'll leave that for when you see it (because you must). But his outfit is not the only thing that's laugh-worthy, I guarantee. The flashback within a flashback within a forward flash format leaves plenty of flexibility for humor and seriousness alike.

As far as acting goes, the performances were right on. Amber Benson and James Marsters work really well together. Then throw Andy Hallett into the mix and you've got magic. I mean, we've all seen them on Buffy/Angel, but never like this. If you ever had doubts about their abilities (not that you ever did, I'm sure), this will clear it up. The other characters were beautiful as well, particularly the creepy neighbor (Nate Barlow? I think that's right) and the former fling (Rayder Woods? once again, I think).

Go see this film! If you aren't touched by it (not to mention holding your side from laughing so hard), then you have some serious issues....or maybe you just need to find a different hobby. =)