

Dramatic Competition

BRICK

U.S.A., 2004,
119 Minutes, color

Director:
Rian Johnson

Screenwriter:
Rian Johnson



A number of films have attempted to take and contemporize the film noir aesthetic, but never has it been done so precisely and earnestly as in Rian Johnson's scintillating debut, *Brick*.

Brendan Fry is a loner at his high school, someone who knows all the angles but has chosen to stay on the outside. When the girl he loves turns up dead, he plunges into the school's social strata like a fist through a honeycomb to find the "who" and "why," with the same single-minded devotion to his self-appointed task as the hard-boiled heroes of old.

The film is rife with familiar character types in deliciously unfamiliar roles: the sociopathic sexpot is the queen of the drama geeks; the chief of police is the vice principal; the trusty operative is a nerd in coke-bottle glasses; the heavy (brilliantly portrayed by Lukas Haas) is a 26-year-old drug dealer who lives in his mom's basement; and of course the femme fatale is now the head cheerleader.

Joseph Gordon-Levitt unleashes an inspired performance as the fast-talking, ultracool protagonist. Johnson displays a complete understanding of cinematic language, paying homage to the classics but also creating his own style by injecting the film with contemporary exuberance, humor, and locale. *Brick* is a directorial debut of extraordinary promise.— Trevor Groth

Producers : Ram Bergman, Mark Mathis

Cinematographer : Steve Yedlin

Production Designer : Jodie Tillen

Composer : Nathan Johnson

Costume Designer : Michele Posch

Casting : Shannon Makharian

Cast : Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Lukas Haas, Nora Zehetner, Matt O'Leary, Noah Fleiss, Richard Roundtree

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Screening Times

Friday , Jan 21	5:30 PM	Racquet Club	BRICK21RE
Saturday , Jan 22	6:45 PM	Trolley Square Cinemas B, SLC	BRICK22TE
Sunday , Jan 23	9:15 AM	Eccles Theatre	BRICK23CM
Wednesday , Jan 26	2:30 PM	Racquet Club	BRICK26RA
Thursday , Jan 27	11:30 PM	Library Center Theatre	BRICK27LL

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