



The Muppets come alive

by Chuck Bins

In their first film venture, Jim Henson's Muppets enliven the silver screen with all the wit, charm and enchantment that have made the names of Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy world famous. Unlike their weekly TV series, 'The Muppet Show,' the film has some lively special effects and the added dimension of plot.

Kermit the Frog is lured away from his niche in the Georgia swamp by a Hollywood agent (Dom DeLuise) who tempts him with the prospects of tinseltown stardom.

On his cross-country trek to the footlights, Kermit meets Fozzie the Bear, the Great Gonzo, Dr. Teeth and the electric Mayhem, and a handful of other human and Muppet characters. In a stop at the county fair, Kermit comes eye-to-eye with Miss Piggy as she is crowned the new beauty queen. That lingering first glance expands to a full-length fantasy-romance sequence straight out of a Clairol commercial. It is, as they say, love at first sight.

Aboard Fozzie's 1951 Studebaker with the Muppet clan, Kermit is hounded by Doc Hopper (Charles Durning) and his wily assistant (Austin Pendleton) who want Kermit to sponsor TV commercials for Hopper's new chain of French Fried Frog Legs fast-food franchises.

A plethora of big-name

stars make brief, though colorful, appearances including: El Sleazo cafe owner (James Coburn), tough guy (Telly Savalas), barroom broads (Madeline Kahn and Carol Kane), piano player (Paul Williams), used car salesman (Milton Berle), beauty contest emcee (Elliott Gould), ice cream vendor (Bob Hope), balloon salesman (Richard Pryor), ventriloquist (the late Edgar Bergen), surly waiter (Steve Martin), allergic secretary (Cloris Leachman), movie producer (Orson Welles), and mad scientist (Mel Brooks) who threatens to turn the frog's brains into guacomole.

Playing between the real world of hard knocks and the sugar-coated world of fantasy, the film features the Muppets watching their own private screening of 'The Muppet Movie.' To add to the fun, a bigger-than-life cream pie springs from a billboard, Miss Piggy executes some well-placed karate chops and Kermit the Frog rides a bicycle.

While the movie, for the most part, maintains a moderate to fast pace throughout, it is interspersed with some downshifting songs that occasionally stay in low gear a little too long.

Rated G, this Sir Lew Grade AFD feature supplies the kind of entertainment that will tickle everyone from age 6 to 66.

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John McEnroe and defending champion Vitas Gerulaitis (pictured) are among the ten players who have already accepted invitations to play in the second annual \$300,000 'Forest Hills Invitational Men's Tennis Championships,' a World Tennis special event which ABC Sports will televise live from New York's West Side Tennis Club, Sunday, July 15.

Jimmy Connors, Bjorn Borg, Ilie Nastase, Corrado Barazzutti, Jose Higuera and Adriano Panatta are under consideration to fill out the two remaining spots in the 12-man draw.

The 12 players will be divided into three groups and then play a round robin format. Each group winner plus the fourth player with the best record will advance to the semifinals. Gerulaitis, who defeated Nastase in last year's final, will once again be seeking the \$100,000 first prize.

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SPORTS CALENDAR

(JULY 15 - 21)



BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE

- July 15— MONTREAL VS. SAN DIEGO
NEW YORK VS. SAN FRANCISCO
PHILADELPHIA VS. LOS ANGELES
ATLANTA VS. PITTSBURGH
CINCINNATI VS. CHICAGO
HOUSTON VS. ST. LOUIS
- July 16— ALL-STAR BREAK
- July 17— ALL-STAR GAME AT SEATTLE
- July 18— ALL-STAR BREAK
- July 19— PITTSBURGH VS. HOUSTON
CHICAGO VS. ATLANTA
ST. LOUIS VS. CINCINNATI
LOS ANGELES VS. MONTREAL
SAN DIEGO VS. NEW YORK
SAN FRANCISCO VS. PHILADELPHIA
- July 20— PITTSBURGH VS. HOUSTON
CHICAGO VS. ATLANTA
ST. LOUIS VS. CINCINNATI
LOS ANGELES VS. MONTREAL
SAN DIEGO VS. NEW YORK
SAN FRANCISCO VS. PHILADELPHIA
- July 21— PITTSBURGH VS. HOUSTON
CHICAGO VS. ATLANTA
ST. LOUIS VS. CINCINNATI
LOS ANGELES VS. MONTREAL
SAN DIEGO VS. NEW YORK
SAN FRANCISCO VS. PHILADELPHIA

AMERICAN LEAGUE

- July 15— SEATTLE VS. BALTIMORE
OAKLAND VS. BOSTON
CALIFORNIA VS. NEW YORK
KANSAS CITY VS. TEXAS
CHICAGO VS. DETROIT
MILWAUKEE VS. CLEVELAND
TORONTO VS. MINNESOTA
- July 16— ALL-STAR BREAK
- July 17— ALL-STAR GAME AT SEATTLE
- July 18— ALL-STAR BREAK
- July 19— TEXAS VS. CHICAGO (2)
KANSAS CITY VS. CLEVELAND
MINNESOTA VS. DETROIT
MILWAUKEE VS. TORONTO
BALTIMORE VS. CALIFORNIA
NEW YORK VS. OAKLAND
BOSTON VS. SEATTLE

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- July 15— CALIFORNIA VS. DETROIT
MEMPHIS VS. HOUSTON
VANCOUVER VS. NEW YORK
SEATTLE VS. WASHINGTON
- July 17— DALLAS VS. LOS ANGELES
- July 18— NEW ENGLAND VS. SEATTLE
PORTLAND VS. CALIFORNIA
HOUSTON VS. SAN JOSE
EDMONTON VS. ATLANTA
DETROIT VS. TULSA
MEMPHIS VS. CHICAGO
ROCHESTER VS. TORONTO
VANCOUVER VS. WASHINGTON
NEW YORK VS. FT. LAUDERDALE
MINNESOTA VS. PHILADELPHIA
- July 20— LOS ANGELES VS. EDMONTON
MINNESOTA VS. ROCHESTER
- July 21— FT. LAUDERDALE VS. PORTLAND
DALLAS VS. SEATTLE
TORONTO VS. VANCOUVER
WASHINGTON VS. CALIFORNIA
TULSA VS. SAN JOSE
TAMPA BAY VS. CHICAGO
DETROIT VS. HOUSTON
ATLANTA VS. MEMPHIS
SAN DIEGO VS. NEW ENGLAND
NEW YORK VS. PHILADELPHIA
- July 20— TEXAS VS. CHICAGO
KANSAS CITY VS. CLEVELAND
MINNESOTA VS. DETROIT
MILWAUKEE VS. TORONTO
BALTIMORE VS. CALIFORNIA
NEW YORK VS. OAKLAND
BOSTON VS. SEATTLE
- July 21— TEXAS VS. KANSAS CITY
MINNESOTA VS. TORONTO
DETROIT VS. CHICAGO
CLEVELAND VS. MILWAUKEE
BALTIMORE VS. CALIFORNIA
NEW YORK VS. OAKLAND
BOSTON VS. SEATTLE

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