

New Film 'Small Time Crooks' Both Sad, Humorous

"East is East" is a faithful adaptation of the British play. It mixes bawdy humor with a serious message.

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Everyone remembers his or her own path to self-discovery as a bumpy one, which is why people will find it so easy to relate to the film adaptation of the British play "East is East."

"East" is full of the bawdy British humor that made "The Full Monty" successful. It pokes fun at fat girls and giggles about genitals as it weaves a sitcom-like tale of growing up.

George Kahn, played by Om Puri ("The Ghost and the Darkness") leaves his home in Pakistan to operate a restaurant in England. He marries a British woman, and together they raise seven children in a 1970s working class neighborhood. As India and Pakistan go to war in the east, the Kahn family struggles to define itself.

George wants a traditional Muslim household, with obedient sons and a submissive wife and daughter. The children want to fit into their British surroundings, going so far as participating in a Catholic procession and secretly dating the white neighbors. The culture clash becomes volatile when the children defy their father's authority, and George slowly loses control of his family.

At its core, "East" is the struggle for acceptance and the trials of being an outsider, even in your own mind. George condemns all things British to maintain his own heritage, but must eventually realize that he has assimilated in the very ways he tells his children not to, from his English wife to his traditional fish and chips shop.

The cast is comprised of caricatures and stereotypes. George is the hypocritical, tyrannical patriarch, both violent and absurdly comic. Ella (played with sass by UK stage maven Linda Bassett), is the protective mother hen. As for the kids, they are all one-dimensional: a rebellious son, a tomboy daughter, a banished gay son, etc.

The movie's main flaw is its ending. Conflict builds steadily throughout the movie, then seems to suddenly run out of time and resolves itself in a hurry. The movie reaches its climax in a confrontation between George and Ella that escalates to violence, then ends with a cup of tea as its only reconciliation. "East is East" is both heartwarming and heart-wrenching, and presents the perfect bonding experience for upcoming Father's Day.

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Every year, like clockwork, director Woody Allen serves up a new movie for popular consumption.

And, every year, it is almost impossible to know what to expect.

With his rare gift for artistic flexibility, Allen has built a body of work that defies genre. But, whether it is a Bergmanesque drama ("Interiors") or a futuristic comedy ("Sleeper"), his films always have the intelligent, self-deprecating flavor that has kept audiences sat-

isfied for three decades. That flavor is what dominates his current picture, "Small Time Crooks," which marks Allen's return to his slapstick roots. The recipe is simple, but classic: take one off-beat actor, shape into an improbable role, place in a combustible situation, add clever character actors, and bake for at least 80 minutes. (Comedic genius should ensue).

With "Small Time Crooks," Woody Allen attempts to channel the spirits of his earlier comedies, such as "Take the Money and Run" and "Sleeper."

Allen plays Ray Winkler, an ex-con with pie-in-the-sky dreams and a knack for losing jobs. His wife, Frenchy (British comedian Tracy Ullman), is a sardonic manicurist who struggles to keep Ray's

head out of the clouds. So when Ray presents her with a half-baked, get-rich-quick scheme, she is squarely against it.

But Ray's wit and neurotic charm eat away at her resolve, and they decide to throw in with three dim-witted guys in an attempt to commit the most original of crimes — a bank robbery.

Before long, the husband-and-wife team is rolling in dough — but not the kind they envisioned: In order to burrow into the bank's safe, they open a bakery next door as a front. But, in a pretzel-like twist of fate, the bakery works better than the burglary. Frenchy's cookie parlor takes off, becomes legitimately successful, and makes the couple incredibly wealthy.

To this point, "Small Time Crooks" makes for good comedy. But Allen gets greedy and adds a few ingredients too many. He submits the characters to the perils of wealth and they transform so quickly that Uncle Ben would be jealous. Once so firmly planted in reality, Frenchy now swoons with socialites, while Ray finds that his dream is more of a nightmare and longs for his old, simple life.

The problem is not so much Allen's use of a predictable plot twist, as it is his inability to spice it up. By no means does the movie become completely bland. Hugh Grant's portrayal of a caddish art dealer (David) is noteworthy, and Elaine May (May) is excellent as Frenchy's obscure cousin.

However, the acrid taste of Allen's '90s films ("Husbands and Wives," "Deconstructing Harry" and "Celebrity") is detectable, if only slightly.

It also features John Lovitz (of "Saturday Night Live" fame), Michael Rapaport ("Higher Learning"), and Tony Danza (Larry Boy from "The Sopranos").

Despite flaws, "Small Time Crooks" manages to remain a goofy, Pop Tart of a movie on the whole. It is not nearly as rich as the fast-paced comedies that catapulted Allen's career in the '60s, but it is worth sampling.

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FBI Memo Questions Gore's Funds

An FBI memo sent to Janet Reno and kept secret for two years questions Gore's fund-raising techniques.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a memo kept secret for 2 1/2 years, FBI Director Louis Freeh warned that the Justice Department was ignoring "reliable evidence" that conflicted with Vice President Al Gore's accounts of his fund-raising activities.

Freeh sent the November 1997 memo, written by staff at his request, to Attorney General Janet Reno to urge appointment of an independent counsel to investigate Democratic fund raising. "In the face of compelling evidence that the vice president was a very active, sophisticated fund-raiser who knew exactly what he was doing, his own exculpatory statements must not be given undue weight," the Freeh memo said.

It preceded a better-known, and more scrutinized, memo by the chief prosecutor in the case, Charles LaBella, who urged the same action and also accused his Justice Department superi-

ors of contorting their investigation to avoid triggering an independent counsel.

The memos were released by a House committee today as Republicans in both chambers of Congress examined why a special prosecutor was never appointed.

"Can you blame the American people or many in Congress for being cynical?" House Government Reform Committee chairman Dan Burton, R-Ind., asked after reading from the memos.

The FBI director said the Justice Department's preoccupation with bit players should be replaced by a top-down investigation starting with President Clinton and a "core group" of aides under the theory that "most of the alleged campaign abuses flowed directly or indirectly from the all-out efforts by the White House and DNC (Democratic National Committee) to raise money."

Freeh's memo focused in part on fund-raising phone calls Gore made from his government office. The vice president denied that he intended to raise "hard money," which is regulated by federal laws prohibiting solicitations on federal property.

The director's memo suggested the

Justice Department was "relying almost exclusively on the vice president's own statements to draw inferences favorable to him even where those statements are contradicted by other reliable evidence."

"If the attorney general relied primarily on Gore's statements to end this investigation, she would be inviting intense and justified criticism," the memo said.

In a memo responding to that allegation, Lee Radek, the chief of the department's public integrity section who dealt with independent counsel issues, said the Justice Department did not rely solely on Gore's word.

The conclusion that Gore's phone calls were to solicit "soft money," outside the scope of the law, was based on "hundreds of interviews with those who participated in the calls, and the examination of scores of documents," Radek wrote in a memo also released today. And the law in question is seldom prosecuted, he said.

In his own 99-page memo, prosecutor LaBella complained that his Justice Department superiors were "intellectually dishonest" and "practiced 'gamesmanship' to avoid an independent counsel investigation of President Clinton's and Gore's 1996 fund-raising.

In May, Duke University Medical Center was placed on probation for similar problems, Rhyne said. State officials will return for re-inspection in coming months.

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to public service and was a mark of excellence.

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announced Saturdays.

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Thomas Stafford, vice chancellor of student affairs and head of the task force for a new student ticket distribution policy, said, "This is the easiest and simplest method we could come up with.

"Everyone has a fair chance because (the ticket distribution) takes place on a Saturday morning."

N.C. State students are not happy to have the camp-outs cancelled. Clint Allen, a junior criminal justice major from Cary, said not having the camp-outs will take away from spirit-building.

"It's going to take a big element of fun out of the games," Allen said. "The camp-outs are kind of like our pep rallies."

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through a wristband lottery system, in which they go to the ticket office and get bracelets with numbers on them. A random bracelet number is then chosen to be the first in line.

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