

= Angry Dad : The Movie =

" Angry Dad : The Movie " is the fourteenth episode of The Simpsons ' twenty @-@ second season . It originally aired on the Fox network in the United States on February 20 , 2011 . The plot of the episode involves Bart winning many awards for his new short film based on his web cartoon series Angry Dad , which was first introduced in " I Am Furious (Yellow) " , while Homer takes credit for the film during acceptance speeches .

" Angry Dad : The Movie " was written by John Frink and directed by Matthew Nastuk , with Ricky Gervais , Halle Berry , Russell Brand , Maurice LaMarche , Nick Park and J. B. Smoove guest starring . Cultural references in the episode include Pixar Animation Studios , Toy Story , Wallace and Gromit , Kung Fu Panda , Ms. Pac @-@ Man , SpongeBob SquarePants and the 68th Golden Globe Award ceremony .

The episode was viewed in an estimated 6 @.@ 35 million households , with a 2 @.@ 8 Nielsen rating , marking a slight rise in audience from the previous episode , while the episode was the twenty @-@ fifth most viewed show for the week of broadcast among adults aged 18 ? 49 . Critical reception of the episode was generally positive , with critics praising the episode 's use of visual gags and cultural references .

= = Plot = =

Bart is visited by Ermon Millwood , whose company makes films out of web cartoon series . Millwood offers Bart a chance to make a film adaptation of the web cartoon Angry Dad . Bart accepts , and Millwood takes him to film studio animators . Homer is soon offered the opportunity to voice Angry Dad , as the voice actor from the original Angry Dad series has dropped out of frustration of never being paid . The film is test screened to a horrible reception . Lisa convinces Bart to remove all of the parts the audience did not like , thus making the Angry Dad a short film . The film is shortly thereafter nominated for a Golden Globe for Best Animated Short .

At the Golden Globe ceremony , Angry Dad wins , and Homer takes credit in his acceptance speech for creating the film , to the dismay of Bart. Homer takes credit at many other awards ceremonies . Angry Dad soon receives an Academy Award nomination for Best Animated Short Film . Out of frustration against Homer for taking the credit , Bart attempts to distract Homer from going by making him and Marge go on an attraction tour in Los Angeles while he and Lisa attend the awards . However , Homer gets recognized by others who take him to the ceremony . Homer arrives in time to see Angry Dad win the Oscar . Bart goes up to accept the Oscar and thanks Lisa for having the idea to make the film into a short film , the animation studio , and Homer . Touched by this , Homer gets up on stage with Bart and apologizes to him for taking all the credit , and the two agree to cut up the Oscar and give a piece to everyone on the animation team . Bart asks if Homer had gotten a replacement from the Academy , but Homer confides to him that the Award is only five dollars on eBay , while Maggie is sucking on the replacement .

= = Production = =

Angry Dad first appeared in the season 13 episode " I Am Furious (Yellow) " . In the show , it is a comic book and web series that Bart created based on Homer 's constant fits of rage . In this episode , Bart and Homer make a short film about the character , which wins a number of awards . Executive producer Al Jean said it is " a bit of a satire of the different Oscar acceptances where two people clearly race to the stage to get there first , and Homer and Bart are fighting to be the one that accepts . " Academy Award winner Halle Berry guest starred as herself . She was designed to be wearing a similar dress to the one she wore at the 74th Academy Awards in 2002 . Ricky Gervais appeared as himself , his second guest appearance on the show after season 17 's " Homer Simpson , This Is Your Wife " . The episode aired a month after Gervais hosted the 68th Golden Globe Awards , which was criticized by some as being mean @-@ spirited .

Comedian Russell Brand guest starred as himself . He told The Sun that , " I was having an

amazing birthday party and found out I was going into space . Then my agent says , ' Oh , The Simpsons want you in an episode . ' Once you 've gone yellow , you 've made it . My ideal show would be where I have a cartoon relapse with Barney and Homer and get smashed out of my mind with them . "

= = Cultural references = =

This episode of The Simpsons featured multiple references to animation and Hollywood . Pixar is referenced in the episode as " Mixar " . In the 1999 era of the studio you can hear the song " Bye Bye Bye " by NSYNC . The short film Condiments serves as a parody of the Pixar film Toy Story , and the song " You 've Got an Enemy " (sung by Castellaneta impersonating Randy Newman) references " You 've Got a Friend in Me " . Willis and Crumble parodies Wallace and Gromit , and uses the same style of stop @-@ motion animation . Nick Park , the creator of Wallace and Gromit , has a voice cameo as himself . Multiple other short film fragments further lampooned other movies including The Triplets of Belleville and Persepolis . The episode also references Ricky Gervais 's controversial hosting stunt at the 68th Golden Globe Awards , with a sign featuring a picture of him alongside a caption reading " Do Not Allow This Man To Host " . The montage of Angry Dad winning awards uses the theme from Jurassic Park . The opening Itchy & Scratchy skit is a parody of The Bride being trained in Kill Bill : Volume 2 and a composition similar to Ennio Morricone 's " L 'arena " (used in the film) can be heard . Homer thanks " the cute one from The Bangles " during his acceptance speech .

= = Reception = =

In its original American broadcast , " Angry Dad : The Movie " was viewed by an estimated 6 @. @ 35 million households , with a 2 @. @ 8 Nielsen rating and 8 % share of the audience among adults between the ages of 18 and 49 . The episode marked a slight rise in the ratings from the previous episode , " The Blue and the Gray " . " Angry Dad : The Movie " was the twenty @-@ fifth most viewed show for the week of broadcast among adults aged 18 ? 49 .

" Angry Dad : The Movie " received generally positive reviews from critics , with many of them praising the " visual gags " featured in the episode . TV Squad writer Brad Trechak praised the episode 's use of Hollywood references writing that " that 's what good episodes of ' The Simpsons ' are made of " . He also praised Gervais 's performance calling his two monologues " classic " . The A.V. Club 's Rowan Kaiser praised the multiple references layered in the episode commenting that they saved the episode from being " mediocre " . Despite this , he criticized the plot commenting that it did not come " from the heart of the show " . He ultimately gave the episode a B- , being beaten only by Bob 's Burgers episode " Hamburger Dinner Theater " . Ken Tucker of Entertainment Weekly mostly praised the short films competing against " Angry Dad " calling them " the truly amusing stuff " and adding that Condiments was a " very accomplished replication of Pixar " . However , he was critical of the guest stars , noting that , " None of them were very funny , but that was the joke ? they were parodying the toadying tone of awards patter . Well , Brand and Berry were ; Gervais seemed to have improvised a lot of Gervais @-@ y stream @-@ of @-@ jokiness blather that he may well have intended to be funny " . Aly Semigran of MTV praised the episode for its animation parodies , writing , " Sure , Toy Story and Wallace and Gromit might enjoy more Oscar love than their animated brethren , but The Simpsons send @-@ ups were nothing if not a brilliant tip @-@ of @-@ the @-@ hat to all of those films " .

The episode was nominated for the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Animated Program (for Programming Less Than One Hour) at the 63rd Primetime Emmy Awards , but lost to the Futurama episode " The Late Philip J. Fry " .