

Much Ado About Nothing

Theater from William Shakespeare in cinema.

Much ado about nothing is available on DVD, Blu-ray and digital HD.

Cast

That film was directed by Joss Whedon. The main actors are Amy Acker (Beatrice), Alexis Denisof (Benedict), Nathan Fillon (Dogberry) and Clark Gregg (Leonato), Reed Diamond (Don Pedro), Kran Franz (Claudio), Sean Maher (Don Juan) and Spencer Treat Clark (Boracho).

Story line

Back from war, Don Pedro and his faithful battleship friends, Benedict and Claudio, visited Lord Leonato, governor of Messina. However, in his dwelling, men will do another battle : the one of love. The main one was between Beatrice and Benedict, that their friends tried to bring back together while thwarting the malicious machinations of Don Juan.

Own review

For me, much ado about nothing is a very bad melting between theater and cinema. The text is a theater text, but the form is a film, and the actors are not stage actors, nor movie actors. Because of that, the story and the dialogs have an artificial looking.

The second point that shocked me was the camera. It follows every movement of the characters, including head movements. It was really annoying and a bit queasy, especially at the beginning of the movie.

The last point was the black and white. It adds age to the film, but I do not like that choice. However, it is my own opinion.

Conclusion

I was really disappointed by « much ado about nothing ». I like theater, as well as cinema, but the blending of them was not a good idea for me. My opinion is maybe too much definitive, but it is personal, and you cannot so simply conclude the film is so bad.