* Sequel to 2014’s Kingsman: The Secret Service
* Co-written/directed by Matthew Vaughn – Layer Cake, Kick-Ass, X-Men First Class
* Two elite spy organizations team up to stop a common enemy from killing millions

Kingsman: The Golden Circle Review

I come to you now with a heavy heart, hat in hand, to proclaim – Kingsman: The Golden Circle was kind of awesome! I fancy myself something of a snob, so it’s a hard pill to swallow, but as the ending credits began to roll, a realization came over me: this film was, by far, the most fun I’ve had at the movies in a long time; and I got a handjob during *Going in Style* for Christ sake! Kidding.

Was the movie obscene? Sure. Was it bloated? Totally. Should it have gotten the greenlight to begin with? Who the hell knows. What I do know is, the sequel to 2014’s Kingsman: The Secret Service (which I didn’t particularly enjoy) got right everything that’s been missing from blockbusters and the James Bond franchise - I imagine this is particularly satisfying to Kingsman co-writer/director Matthew Vaughn, considering it was *Layer Cake*, his directorial debut, that got Daniel Craig the Bond Tuxedo to begin with. It was a great time. It was playful and absurd and still managed to throw in sincerity and heart – which, yeah, is a little bit like trying to grind up a vitamin inside a deep fried Twinkie sundae, but to hell with it.

If watching Schindler’s list is like going to an extremely important and well-done history exhibit then watching Kingsman: The Golden Circle is like going to an amusement park and skipping all the lines. The gadgets were neat, the cameos and supporting cast were perfect, and the set pieces had me literally (correct usage of the word ‘literally’) giggling in my seat.

Look, let’s be simple about this. Without giving anything away, at one point, Sir Elton John, in full sequined costume, jump kicks a man in the face in slow-motion to his own score. If that sounds like something you could see yourself watching, you’re in for a treat. If not, I blame that damned Fast and the Furious franchise for making you numb, but I get it. This may not be your cup of tea.

PERSCRIPTION:

Just give into the circus that is this movie.