



Animation Mania!

Ainee Nizami takes a peek at the top three animated movies, which are the flavour of the season

A new entrant in the 21st century, animated movies have certainly come a long way from only being a child's companion. Animation today, is not just about entertainment, they have started addressing various social issues too. The recent example of Persepolis, a movie which talks about a little girl and how she copes with the changes in her life due to the Iranian Revolution, is the perfect example of the changing trend.

Here is a quick take at the top three animated movies this season:

Monster, Inc.

The movie is about the largest factory in Monster town, Monster, Inc. The workers collect screams of little kids, the energy source for Monster town. Trouble starts when the top scarer in Monster, Inc. James P. Sullivan, better known as Sulley, accidentally lets in a child. Sulley and his buddy Mike Wazowski try their



best to put the child back where she came from. But it isn't that easy! Will they be able to save the city and put it back where it belongs? Or will Monsters, Inc. come to an end? For the answers, get the DVD.

"Watching Monster, Inc. is like opening a door to another world, where monsters are sweeter than candy floss," feels Deepa Mishra, our entertainment reporter.

Wall- E

A look into the distant future, the earth is a huge pile of junk left behind by humans, who have moved to space. All that is left is WALL-E, a garbage collecting robot, who has a pet cockroach for company. One day Eva is sent to earth, to find proof that life still exists on earth. What follows is an animated romance between WALL-E and Eva that leaves you longing for more.

"WALL-E is a movie that uses innocence to deal with a very serious issue of the danger of extinction that the earth faces," says Iona Chatterjee, our current editor.



Horton Hears A Who

Based on the famous book by Dr. Seuss, Horton is an elephant who teaches the children of Nool forest. One day he hears a little speck calling out for help. Horton is convinced that there is a person, or maybe a family on the speck calling out for help. Well he is perfectly right! There is indeed a small town called Whoville, where the people are unaware that their world is a little speck floating around. Horton manages to contact the mayor of Whoville and promises him that he will find a safe place for their world.

"I loved the way they have shown an entire world on a speck with the people so unaware of the fact that their world is so small. It makes you think that even our earth could be a speck to someone," say Himanshu Verma, our travel reporter.

So the next time you have a free Saturday lined up, go ahead and enjoy the world of animation movies.

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The Life of Art

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Bandra has always been a hub for cultural activity. Over the years, Bandra has come around to become a centre for a lot of artistic activities, but never in the conventional sense. One such place in the suburb that fits perfectly into this mould is Zenzi.

A popular restaurant-pub, Zenzi has a very



exclusive appeal. On the exterior, it looks like just another 'happening' place buzzing with life, celebrities, class and at times 'arty people'. But what many people don't know is the creative platform this place offers! To those artists for whom audition is a far-fetched dream, Zenzi plays a perfect host to showcase their talent. On various evenings, apart from fine dining and wines, this place gives its talented guests a chance to perform live in front of the large crowd.

"Zenzi in fact is doing a good job by providing new generation of musicians, artists, writers, etc. a platform to unleash their talents. Zenzi is the place to be for next generation artists," says Karan Agarwal, a writer.

The huge lists of regulars that are seen at Zenzi are not only from the film fraternity, but also experts from various fields like music and films. On occasions, some of the best DJ's

from all across the world descend at Zenzi to perform some heartthrob music. Though expensive so as to curb crowd, Zenzi, which is located on Linking Road contributes immensely to the 'art and culture fraternity' by giving artists a platform to perform, be heard, and if lucky, be contacted! "Not only can artists perform here, but performing in front of a very special crowd and watching their response and learning from it can be an experience in itself," said Khushbu Kaushal, Sr Brand Executive, Law & Kennith.

In its own little way, inside closed doors and drawn curtains, many such places in Bandra offer such platform for creative people to explore their creativity!

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