

Entertainment

'Miles' a heartbreaking story told in extraordinary images

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USCC Communications Department (NC) — "Miles from Home" (Cinecom) opens masterfully with a black-and-white newsreel that documents Nikita Khrushchev's 1959 visit to the fictional Iowa farm of Frank Roberts Sr. (Brian Denehey). With cameras lyrically and silently panning the beaming faces of Khrushchev, Roberts and his two young sons, Frank Jr. and Terry, it is apparent that this man Roberts has a farm to be proud of and sons who are in awe of their dad, although they don't quite understand his brief moment of importance.

Thirty years later, the promise of the Roberts' time in the sun is long forgotten by all but the sons, who as adults sit on the edge of foreclosure. About to lose the farm that won their father so many awards and accolades in the 1950s and 1960s, the men torch the place and garner the support of other farmers forced to give up their farms without a fight.

On the run from the law, Frank (Richard Gere) and Terry (Kevin Anderson) take on the mantle of folk heroes as they come to represent the plight of all farmers who have been

motivated by soaring prices to overfinance and ultimately lose their farms.

Frank blames himself unjustly for not living up to his father's reputation and losing the farm. But before he can forgive himself and finally come to terms with his father's legacy, Frank almost destroys himself and his devoted younger brother during a series of outlaw moves that see them ultimately robbing the bank that repossessed their farm.

This is a powerful, heartbreaking story told with minimal dialogue and extraordinary images that counterpoint the beauty and fury of the land with intimate moments of anguish between brothers who must say goodbye forever to the farm of their childhood and to their father's hopes and dreams.

Gere gives his most stirring, human performance in years as a desperate farmer who, victimized by an unfavorable economy, failed to carry on in the untarnished tradition of his father. Anderson is touching as his passive younger brother who must stand by and watch Frank make one mistake too many, risking both their lives and futures for the sake of Frank's unfinished emotional business.

Stage director Gary Sinise shows great promise with this small movie. His visual sense and ability to pull strong performances from his cast — Judith Ivey, Helen Hunt and John Malkovich are equally fine in cameos — help him transcend the obvious and bring new perspective to an aging and ongoing tragedy.

Due to some profanity, a county fair scene in which a bull is cruelly abused for entertainment purposes, and two incidents of explicit sexual activity, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

Capsules

'CLEAN AND SOBER' (Warner Bros.) Gutsy drama directed by Glenn Gordon Caron ("Moonlighting") chronicling the toll of alcohol and cocaine addiction on a successful sales executive (Michael Keaton) and his subsequent slow, painful road to recovery. Realistic characterization by Keaton takes him from criminal behavior and denial to acceptances, and forces him to interact often dramatically with those out to help him. Distinguished by

strong dialogue and moving performances by M. Emmet Walsh and Kathy Baker as recovering alcoholics, and Morgan Freeman, as a hard-nosed detox counselor. Much locker-room language, some explicit scenes of drug and alcohol use, and brief nudity. The USCC classification is A-III — adults. The MPAA rating is R — restricted.

"EIGHT MEN OUT" (Orion Pictures)

An adaptation by director-writer John Sayles of Eliot Asinof's 1963 book chronicling the 1919 World Series scandal that saw the bribetaking Chicago White Sox lose to the Cincinnati Reds. A morality play in which the boys of summer compromise a lifetime of professional credibility for big bucks and a chance to strike back at their stingy ballclub owner (Clifton James). Good contrast between honest and dishonest players, but the film bogs down in too much detail and too many indistinguishable characters. Some locker-room language and a theme involving bribery and threats of violent retribution. The USCC classification is A-III — adults; the MPAA rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

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(East side of Beautiful
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338-1155

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2155 Long Pond Rd.
(corner Longpond &
Spencerport Rds.)
426-1240

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Cuylerville, N.Y. 14481
(716) 382-3130

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