

# De Niro creates memorable, energetic loser

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NEW YORK — Director Irwin Winkler has made an entire movie out of one man's nervous energy, namely Robert De Niro, as the star of *Night and the City* (20th Century Fox), an update of the 1950 film noir of the same name.

In this version the city is New York and De Niro is motor mouth Harry Fabian, an ambulance-chasing lawyer and ceaseless hustler.

Always after the big score and the big bucks that go with it, Harry decides to become a boxing promoter, in the style of fellow bar patron, mob-connected Boom Boom Grossman (Alan King). Boom Boom is not amused. Harry further raises the mobster's wrath by selecting as his partner Boom Boom's only brother (Jack Warden), who's got a bum heart.

Harry makes an even worse tactical error by asking the bar's owner, Phil (Cliff Gorman), for seed money. Disaster looms when Phil learns Harry's been sleeping with his wife (Jessica Lange).

De Niro creates a memorable loser in Harry, but the movie never fleshes out its characters in more than superficial ways. The frantic pace of the big city and its endless opportunities for hustlers to out-hustle each other seems to preoccupy the director.

Lange plays her role with tarnished



Robert De Niro is Harry Fabian and Jessica Lange is Helen Nasserros in the urban drama *Night and the City*.  
Louis Goldman/20th Century Fox

allure, but why she would continue to unconditionally love Harry — especially after he has pulled a supremely dirty trick on her — is mystifying.

The film's dark-hued visuals capture the pulsating beat of a metropolis where anything is possible, even if — as in this case — it's no surprise.

Mostly, the movie ends up being a sometimes funny, often profane and always aggressively consuming look at New York lowlifes. Though hampered by an inconclusive ending, it allows for Harry's possible redemption as he manages to commit an unselfish act.

Acting all around is superior. Too

bad the story never got to the heart or soul of its characters before fading into the night.

Because of much rough language, an adulterous relationship, brief violence and some sexual innuendo and racial slurs, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

## Candyman

A graduate student doesn't exactly live to regret probing whispered stories about a murderous *Candyman* (Tristar).

Virginia Madsen plays the academic whose thesis will explore how residents of an urban ghetto project are blaming recent murders on Candyman, a 19th-century killer they believe is still haunting the premises.

She is told he can be conjured up simply by saying Candyman five times while facing a mirror. After she dares to do this, the hook-handed ghoul (Tony Todd) obliges. Soon she is being framed for the murder of her colleague (Kasi Lemmons) and the Candyman is hiding a tiny infant he will slice and dice unless she agrees to join him as his lover among the undead.

Writer-director Bernard Rose's idiotic horror film is badly scripted and eventually collapses into just another gory horror film. The premise of exploring the sway of urban folklore on the poor has some promise but all goes downhill once the sinister Candyman and his bloody hook materialize. A subplot involving the student's adulterous husband adds nothing and the sight of the two leads covered by scores of bees crawling out of their mouths is nauseating.

There's nothing sweet about this candyman.

Because of frequent blood-drenched violence, continuing deadly menace to an infant and occasional nudity, the USCC classification is O — morally offensive. The MPAA rating is R — restricted.

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