
Subject: The topic is movies or documentaries that sound great

Posted by [lon](#) on Fri, 19 Mar 2004 05:55:12 GMT

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There is a lot of _bigness_ in much movie production these days: lots of speaks and fancy tweaks signifying... what? Well that's the topic. I'll start it off. The best sounding video I know is called _Calle 54_ and it features performances by a variety of Cuban musicians: Chu Chu Valdez, Michel Camilo, Gato Barbieri, Tito Puente and Chico O'Farril. There's lots of settings, an interesting story with a bit of reunion, attention to camera movement for sound... essentially everything that Buena Vista Social Club was _not_. I've seen this on vhs before starting my current projects. But I have not seen it locally as dvd. Highly recommended. Also one other thought on this: You know that Surround Sound thingie they play fronting some movies? Why do you never hear anything like that in the actual film? I never have anyways.

Subject: Re: The topic is movies or documentaries that sound great

Posted by [Bill Epstein](#) on Sat, 20 Mar 2004 12:32:02 GMT

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Had a taste for extreme violence last night and put "Reservoir Dogs" in the player. We weren't paying that much attention to the movie until Stephen Wright introduced one of the 'sounds of the 70's' tunes and then, wow, great soundtrack! And better, where the hell is that machinery noise coming from?.....the surrounds. Really great integration of ambient sounds just above and below your level of awareness. Adds to the mood. Pulls you back into the story. What a play! 2 sets. Half a dozen madmen. None of the violence or language gratuitous.

Subject: Gratuitous is in the eye of the beholder

Posted by [wunhuanglo](#) on Sat, 20 Mar 2004 16:42:03 GMT

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I don't know, man. That whole Michael Madsen thing was over the top as far as I'm concerned. Too sick - like finding kiddie porn in a copy of Hustler. You expect a certain level of depraved sick stuff, but then it just veers off into something else entirely.

Subject: Re: Mebbe I've seen too many.....

Posted by [Bill Epstein](#) on Sat, 20 Mar 2004 16:51:02 GMT

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.....Orcs get slashed, stuck, dis-membered and just plain be-headed:)

Subject: Re: Mebbe I've seen too many....Things to be wary of.....

Posted by [lon](#) on Sat, 20 Mar 2004 18:25:04 GMT

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I always wait til the local vid store reduces prices on everything. They have a 2 for a \$1.00 section and most everything heads that way. Very often I take the good with the bad. Rez Dogs set in motion a number of films trying to get the look and feel of the Tarantino film. If you are at all squeamish, stay away from a small film called "Two Coyotes." That one, for me, was over the top...still gives me the willies seeing the box in the store.
