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SYNOPSIS

Back in the late '80s, Randy "The Ram" Robinson (Mickey Rourke) was a headlining professional wrestler. Now, twenty years later, he ekes out a living performing for handfuls of diehard wrestling fans in high school gyms and community centers around New Jersey.

Estranged from his daughter (Evan Rachel Wood) and unable to sustain any real relationships, Randy lives for the thrill of the show and the adoration of his fans. However, a heart attack forces him into retirement. As his sense of identity starts to slip away, he begins to evaluate the state of his life -- trying to reconnect with his daughter, and striking up a blossoming romance with an aging stripper (Marisa Tomei). Yet all this cannot compete with the allure of the ring and his passion for his art, which threatens to pull Randy "The Ram" back into his world of wrestling.

CAST

Randy	MICKEY ROURKE
Cassidy	MARISA TOMEI
Stephanie	EVAN RACHEL WOOD
Lenny	MARK MARGOLIS
Wayne	TODD BARRY
Nick Volpe	WASS STEVENS
Scott Brumberg	JUDAH FRIEDLANDER
The Ayatollah	ERNEST MILLER
Necro Butcher	DYLAN SUMMERS

CREW

DIRECTED BY	DARREN ARONOFSKY
PRODUCER	SCOTT FRANKLIN
CO-PRODUCER	MARK HEYMAN
EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS	VINCENT MARAVAL AGNES MENTRE JENNIFER ROTH ROBERT SIEGEL
SCREENPLAY	TIM GRIMES
PRODUCTION DESIGNER	MARYSE ALBERTI
DP	NIKO TAVERNISE
STILLS PHOTOGRAPHER	MARY VERNIEU
CASTING DIRECTOR	SUZANNE SMITH-CROWLEY
COSTUME DESIGNER	AMY WESTCOTT
EDITOR	ANDY WEISBLUM
ORIGINAL SCORE	CLINT MANSELL
MUSIC SUPERVISOR	JIM BLACK
SET DECORATOR	THEO SENA
SOUND RECORDIST	KEN ISHII
SFX MAKE-UP ARTIST	MIKE MARINO
STUNT COORDINATOR	DOUGLAS CROSBY
ASSOCIATE PRODUCERS	ARI HANDEL EVAN GINZBURG

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DARREN ARONOFSKY
(DIRECTOR)

Writer, director and producer Darren Aronofsky was born and raised in Brooklyn. His latest film, THE WRESTLER, stars Mickey Rourke, Marisa Tomei, and Evan Rachel Wood.

His previous film THE FOUNTAIN was called a "psychedelic fairy-tale" (Aint it Cool News) and stars Hugh Jackman and Rachel Weisz. It premiered at the 2006 Venice Film Festival and won the Sloan prize at the Hamptons Film Festival. Before that, 2000's REQUIEM FOR A DREAM, premiered at the 1999 Cannes Film Festival and was named in over 150 Top Ten Lists of 2000. It received many international awards, five Independent Spirit Award nominations, and star Ellen Burstyn received Golden Globe and Academy Award© Best Actress nominations. Aronofsky's debut, π, premiered at the 1998 Sundance Film Festival where it won the Director's Award. It went on to win several international awards including the Independent Spirit Award for Best First Screenplay.

Aronofsky studied filmmaking at Harvard University and the American Film Institute. In 2001, the AFI awarded him the Franklin J. Schaffner Alumni Medal. In 2006, the Stockholm Film Festival awarded him the Golden Horse "Visionary" award. His company Protozoa Pictures presently has a first look deal with Universal Studios.

SCOTT FRANKLIN
(PRODUCER)

π (1998) Associate Producer
Director: Darren Aronofsky
Cast: Sean Gullette, Mark Margolis, Ben Shenkman
Awards: Best Director Award Sundance Film Festival, Independent Spirit Award for Best First Screenplay, Open Palm Gotham Award, National Board of Review Special Recognition, Palma Majorca Best Director, Malaga International Screenplay Award, Thessaloniki Fipresci Special Mention, Chlotrudis Cinematography Award.

Requiem For A Dream (2000) Co-Producer
Director: Darren Aronofsky
Cast: Jared Leto, Jennifer Connelly, Marlon Wayans, and Ellen Burstyn
Awards: Ellen Burstyn Nominated for an Academy and Golden Globe Award, Best Actress and Cinematography Independent Spirit Awards, Boston, Chicago, Southeastern, Phoenix, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Florida Film Critics Best Actress, Chlotrudis Best Film, National Board of Review special recognition, Online Film Critics Awards for best director, actress, score and editing, Satellite Award for Best Actress, Stockholm Film Festival for Best Actress, Valladolid Golden Spike

Hounddog (2006) Producer
Director: Deborah Kampmeier
Cast: Dakota Fanning, Robin Wright-Penn, David Morse, Afemo Omilami
Sundance Film Festival 2007

SELECTED FILMOGRAPHIES

MICKEY ROURKE

KILLSHOT 2007
STORMBREAKER 2005
DOMINO 2004
SIN CITY 2004
MAN ON FIRE 2004
MASKED AND ANONYMOUS 2002
ONCE UPON A TIME IN MEXICO 2002
SPUN 2001
THE PLEDGE 2000
GET CARTER 2000
THE ANIMAL FACTORY 2000
OUT IN FIFTY 1999
SHERGAR 1999
SHADES 1999
THURSDAY 1998
BUFFALO '66 1998
POINT BLANK 1997
THE RAINMAKER 1997
LOVE IN PARIS 1997
DOUBLE TEAM (AKA THE COLONY) 1997
BULLET 1996
EXIT IN RED 1996
FALL TIME 1995
F.T.W. 1994
WHITE SANDS 1992
HARLEY DAVIDSON AND THE MARLBORO MAN 1991
WILD ORCHID 1990
DESPERATE HOURS 1997
JOHNNY HANDSOME 1989
FRANCESCO (AKA ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI) 1989
HOMEBOY 1988
ANGEL HEART 1987
BARFLY 1987
A PRAYER FOR THE DYING 1987
NINE ½ WEEKS 1986
YEAR OF THE DRAGON 1985
THE POPE OF GREENWICH VILLAGE 1984
RUMBLE FISH 1983
EUREKA 1982
DINER 1982
BODY HEAT 1981
FADE TO BLACK 1980
HEAVEN'S GATE 1980
1941 1979

MARISA TOMEI

BEFORE THE DEVIL KNOWS YOU'RE DEAD 2007
GRACE IS GONE 2007
WILD HOGS 2007
FACTOTUM 2006
LOVERBOY 2006
MARILYN HOTCHKISS' BALLROOM DANCING & CHARM SCHOOL 2006
ALFIE 2004
ANGER MANAGEMENT 2003
THE GURU 2003
JUST A KISS 2002
IN THE BEDROOM 2001
KING OF THE JUNGLE 2001
HAPPY ACCIDENTS 2001
SOMEONE LIKE YOU 2001
WHAT WOMEN WANT 2000
THE WATCHER 2000
THE SLUMS OF BEVERLY HILLS 1998
WELCOME TO SARAJEVO 1997
A BROTHER'S KISS 1997
UNHOOK THE STARS 1996
FOUR ROOMS 1995
THE PEREZ FAMILY 1995
ONLY YOU 1994
THE PAPER 1994
EQUINOX 1993
UNTAMED HEART 1993
CHAPLIN 1992
MY COUSIN VINNY 1992
OSCAR 1991
ZANDALEE 1991
PLAYING FOR KEEPS 1986
THE FLAMINGO KID 1984

EVAN RACHEL WOOD

THE LIFE BEFORE HER EYES 2007
KING OF CALIFORNIA 2007
ACROSS THE UNIVERSE 2007
RUNNING WITH SCISSORS 2006
DOWN IN THE VALLEY 2005
THE UPSIDE OF ANGER 2005
PRETTY PERSUASION 2005
THE MISSING 2003
THIRTEEN 2003
SIMONE 2002
LITTLE SECRETS 2001
PRACTICAL MAGIC 1998
DIGGING TO CHINA 1998

