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Those guys were so alive. When I was fifteen I spent three weeks driving all over Brooklyn with a guy who was following his girlfriend. He was convinced she was cheating on him, and he had a gun, he was going to kill her. There was such passion and intensity about their lives. When the rich kids got together, the most we ever did was cross against a red light. He was a bit like a Vanderbilt or a Whitney , one of those guys. He was the life of the party, women loved him, a real womanizer. He smoked like a fiend. He loved his martinis. He died really young. He was away a lot, but he was fun. I was just a tiny kid. At Michigan State, Cimino majored in graphic arts, was a member of a weight-lifting club, and participated in a group to welcome incoming students. He graduated in with honors and won the Harry Suffrin Advertising Award. The Cimino-designed covers are bold and strong, with a sure sense of space and design. They compare favorably to professional work honored in, say, any of the Modern Publicity annuals of the late fifties and are far better than the routine work turned out on Madison Avenue. The impact and quality of his work no doubt contributed to his winning the Harry Suffrin Advertising Award at MSU and perhaps to his acceptance at Yale. And there were all these incredibly beautiful girls," Cimino said. Because he was so meticulous and took so long. Nothing was easy with Michael. They began a year on-again-off-again relationship. Film career[edit] Cimino moved up to directing on the feature Thunderbolt and Lightfoot Eastwood was originally slated to direct it himself, but Cimino impressed Eastwood enough to change his mind. With the success of Thunderbolt and Lightfoot, Cimino says he "got a lot of offers, but decided to take a gamble. I would only get involved with projects I really wanted to do. The film stars Robert De Niro , Christopher Walken , and John Savage as three buddies in a Pennsylvania steel mill town who fight in the Vietnam War and rebuild their lives in the aftermath. The film went over-schedule and over-budget, [20] but it became a massive critical and commercial success, [21] and won five Oscars , including Best Director and Best Picture for Cimino. The film came in several times over budget. After its release, it proved to be a financial disaster that nearly bankrupted the studio. Transamerica Corporation sold United Artists, having lost confidence in the company and its management. The reassembled movie received admiring reviews. In , Cimino attended the premiere of a new edit at the Venice Film Festival , which was met with a standing ovation. If he ever emerges at full budgetary throttle, his own career should be his subject. The selection of things to film was quite hard. According to screenwriter Dean Pitchford , Cimino was at the helm of Footloose for four months, making more and more extravagant demands in terms of set construction and overall production. In the process, Cimino reimagined the film as a musical-comedy inspired by The Grapes of Wrath. Cimino was fired and Ross was brought on to direct the picture. After Rourke and Eric Roberts signed on as the leads, Cimino wanted to finesse the screenplay with some rewriting and restructuring. However, the rewriting would have taken Cimino beyond the mandated start date for shooting, so Cimino and MGM parted ways. Stuart Rosenberg was hired as a result. In , Cimino attempted to make an epic saga about the s Irish rebel Michael Collins , but the film had to be abandoned due to budget, weather and script problems. The film was to have been funded by Nelson Entertainment. The start date for shooting was to have been early December The screenplay was written by Floyd Mutrux and the film was to be bankrolled by Nelson Entertainment, which also backed Collins. A spokesman for Nelson said the cancellation occurred "in the normal course of business," but declined to elaborate. How fragile and important all of those things are in a time of crisis. Cimino appeared on the cover. He had this huge production going on all around him yet he could devote his absolute concentration on the smallest of details. Anybody can go off about Michael Cimino all they want but when you get to that sequence you just have to shut up. Critics, for example, Pauline Kael , [70] John Simon [71] and John Powers, [72] have also noted and criticized these qualities in many of the films he wrote and directed. Cimino was also known to have given exaggerated, misleading and conflicting stories about himself, his background and his filmmaking experiences. Colleagues[edit] In writing about his experience working on The Sicilian , producer Bruce

McNall described Cimino as "one part artistic genius and one part infantile egomaniac. Selfishness, in itself, is not necessarily a flaw in a director, unless it swells into ruthless self-indulgence combined with a total disregard for the terms in which the production has been set. He works completely derivatively, from earlier movies, and his only idea of how to dramatize things is to churn up this surface and get it roiling. The whole thing is just material for Cimino the visual artist to impose his personality on. Just as the film was about to open, Cimino gave an interview to The New York Times in which he claimed that he had been "attached to a Green Beret medical unit" at the time of the Tet Offensive of 1968. When the Times reporter, who had not been able to corroborate this, questioned the studio about it, studio executives panicked and fabricated "evidence" to support the story. Weissmann stated that he had not been aware of Cimino having any illness.

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Chapter 3 : Martin Scorsese: Bibliography

Michael Cimino's filmmaking journey was hardly a bumpy ride. It seems that his name is unfortunately doomed to go down in history as of a director whose third film completely ruined his career—'Heaven's Gate' not only led a distinguished American studio into bankruptcy, but also enraged.

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Michael Cimino (/ tĕf Éª Ēˆ m iĒ• n oĒŠ / chi-MEE-noh; February 3, - July 2,) was an American film director, screenwriter, producer, and author.. Born in New York City, he graduated from Yale University in and began his career filming commercials.

It is nearly unrivaled in its texture, its details, and its expansiveness. And, given that it so thoroughly encapsulates its gangster life-style and so methodically relates the lives of its gangster characters, it comes as no surprise then that, as part of such a system, it also covers territory always present explicitly or implicitly in the gangster crime film: These gangsters are, first and foremost, men, and as such they have quite distinct ideas of proper masculine behavior, attitudes, and inclinations. There is a mob-based code of conduct that could just as easily be seen as representative of a more broad set of male-based codes. Men are at the crux of the gangster film, and they are as the title of the film suggests of major prominence and importance in *Goodfellas*. Honor, honesty, resilience, and assertiveness are crucial aspects of this male-dominated gangster society and this film. Amongst these men, the notion of masculinity takes shape in the ways in which the main characters watch out for each other and cover for one another. Within this male-ruled world, such issues hold sway over the more commonly held others. The most respectable of the men in the film are those with money, who own the finer things in life, and who can afford to get away with their criminal lifestyle by paying off whoever needs it. As much as the men in this film hold their status by such material items as rings and shoes, part of their sense of masculine ownership also extends to the power thus ownership they have over individuals. The family too takes a considerable role in the life of these gangster men. Maintaining a family, even with a girlfriend on the side and with the occasional domestic violence, is still a key ingredient of the male gangster proper. Along these lines, we get the notion in *Goodfellas* of desperate father-figure searches, most obviously and prominently between Henry and Paul and Jimmy. My father had a terrible one. He is, to her, quite a guy. This is what a man should do. By being able to take what they want, when they want, how they want, the men in *Goodfellas* through their criminal acts, present themselves as outlaw heroes where such outlaw behavior is a prerequisite for the life they choose to lead. If not through violent means, how else are they to attain this sort of independence and influence? Gardaphe, The characters, again especially Tommy, are also out to prove something. Violent and aggressive behaviors are synonymous with the views of these hoods with respect to being a man, and what that entails. The glamour and power that go along with such masculine notions and views, and the subsequent violent and criminal actions that frequently follow, do not last. Not necessarily criticizing their deeds, Scorsese does present occurrences where the film makes it quite clear that this hedonistic, macho lifestyle is dangerous. It could be in the form of the always-insecure Tommy, desperate to continually reassert his strength and power his masculinity , resulting in considerable bloodshed and even a breach of the masculine code laid out early on in the film; or, this over-the-top excessiveness of ownership and control resulting in materialism taking precedent over masculinity. Martin Scorsese is arguably the greatest filmmaker working today. His films, illustrating a variety of themes, featuring an array of characters, are open to multiple readings. But amongst most of his work, certainly those pictures most well-known, ideas of masculinity and its relationship with crime and violence figure prominently. Just as filmmakers like John Ford and Sam Peckinpah have primarily set their male-centered filmic studies within the genre walls of the western, so too has Scorsese successfully found the surroundings of the gangster film to be his stage for masculine action, drama, and thought. Works Cited Brunette, Peter. University Press of Mississippi, From Wiseguys to Wise Men: The Gangster and Italian American Masculinities. Faber and Faber, Posted by.

Chapter 5 : Michael Cimino: A Debriefing – THE DIRECTORS SERIES

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Afterwards he was a pariah, an exile. All it took was one movie to kill his career stone dead. Failure, of course, is a given in the film industry. Jobbing directors make a flop film and never work again; it happens all the time. But there is a world of difference between these tree-falling-in-a-forest disasters and the outrageous act of seppuku; the spectacle of a big name film-maker who creates a film that blows up when exposed to oxygen, taking its master along with it. In making *Peeping Tom*, Powell stumbled upon the antimatter holy grail. Since then, only a select few have been unfortunate enough to follow his lead. *Peeping Tom*, history records, is at once a grubby London psycho-thriller and a playful satire on the madness of making movies. It stars baby-faced Carl Boehm as a voyeuristic focus-puller whose camera doubles as his murder weapon. Contemporary critics labelled it "loathsome", "perverted" and "bestial", a movie that demanded only be scooped up and "flushed swiftly down the nearest sewer". That, it transpires, was more or less its fate. It was seen as so distasteful, such an offence on the senses, that there was no way back for him. You have to view the reaction in terms of the mood of the era. It would be the equivalent today of Stephen Frears making a hardcore porn movie. Were it not for the intervention, in the late 60s, of Martin Scorsese, he and *Peeping Tom* might have stayed buried for ever. Happily, Michael Powell lived long enough to see his reputation restored and his orphan belatedly hailed as a sly masterpiece. The problem with *Peeping Tom*, Schoonmaker suggests, is that it hit at the wrong time. A noted director, seen as too big for their boots, misjudges the public mood and gets thrown to the wolves. And yet the evidence suggests that while a high-profile, poorly received picture invariably wounds its creator, the blow is rarely fatal. *The King of Comedy*, she says, was a borderline disaster, *Goodfellas* was troubled, and the fallout from *The Last Temptation of Christ* almost consumed them all "that film was so horrendously savaged; we had to have bodyguards because the protests turned so ugly". But Scorsese, she adds, is a savvy beast. Whereas Michael had been spoiled. Reviewing the film in the *New York Times*, Vincent Canby labelled it as "an unqualified disaster – it fails so spectacularly that you might suspect that Mr Cimino sold his soul to obtain the success of *The Deer Hunter* and the devil has just come around to collect. He directed other films after that, but he never got back to where he was. But Kelly is still young, and time may heal his wounds. These directors are rare beasts, however; members of an exclusive club of mavericks. Powell overreached himself in terms of his subject matter; Cimino and Friedkin in terms of budget. All paid heavily for their folly, although judged today – with the benefit of hindsight – there is something rather wonderful about them. By and large, the film industry has learned to insure itself against these kind of high-profile calamities. Big budgets come with strings attached, and the public is harder to shock than ever before. I say this with great trepidation, but I can kind of imagine Quentin Tarantino doing it too.

Chapter 6 : Michael Cimino - Wikipedia

Cimino came of age as a filmmaker in the s, a decade when bold, rule-breaking, movie-drunk visionaries like Robert Altman, Francis Coppola, Roman Polanski, Martin Scorsese, Steven Spielberg.

It saddens me to know that I was rightâ€” Cimino died of unknown causes on July 2nd, , at the age of His body was discovered lying in his bed at his home in Beverly Hills, after friends had not been able to reach him for several days 1. Born in in New York City, the young Cimino was regarded as something of a student prodigy, but he also earned an equally-notorious reputation as a troublemaker and a schoolyard brawler. His intellect and natural curiosity about the world enabled his admission to Yale, where he studied painting, architecture, and art history. Some of his best known work from this period, including spots for United Airlines and Pepsi, established several of his signature traits as an artist, such as elaborate set design and the iconography of Americana. It was also during this period that Cimino met perhaps the most influential figure in his life: Unfortunately, Cimino would never reach these lofty heights again. His reign at the top would end just as quickly as it had begun. Anythingâ€” the cast, the sets, time, money, virtually everythingâ€” was disposable in service to achieving his ambitious vision. In his persistence to craft the Perfect Story, he had lost control of his own narrativeâ€” months of damning set reports in the press led to the film accumulating the stink of failure before it was even released, and audiences followed suit. Claims that he was a one-sided and factually-inaccurate storyteller positioned him as a politically-incorrect relic on the fringes of an increasingly-PC culture. He languished in this state of exile for the next 5 years, suffering no shortage of aborted attempts to mount another film. However, he would not make the most of his second chance. Despite receiving a prestigious screening slot at Cannes, the film would ultimately go straight to video. Because he rarely gave interviews, he become regarded as a reclusive eccentric, and a drastic, almost-overnight change in his facial features generated hushed whispers all over town that he had butchered himself with plastic surgery, or that he was undergoing a sex change operation. His camerawork favored the classical techniques of old-fashioned studio epics, often rendering his elaborate sets and bustling locations in sweeping, romantic crane or dolly moves. Critics might have derided Cimino as a tyrannical fascist, but the fact remains: Throughout his career, he developed a rather eclectic group of collaborators on both sides of the camera. Whereas most visually-esteemed directors owe a debt of gratitude to their partnership with a singular cinematographer, Cimino cultivated fruitful relationships with no less than three. Especially within his first three films, his characters are relics trapped in a world that no longer has any use for them. The arrival of the railroad brings with it an influx of civilization, and the homesteaders valiantly struggle to maintain their way of life in the face of great upheaval and change. He was genuinely interested in exploring the peculiar dynamics of platonic male-to-male relationships. His protagonists often possessed shades of complexity underneath their surface machismo, and their individual inner journeys often coincided with masculine ideals and virtues. The Italian immigrant experience in America is fundamentally informed by its rich heritage with the Roman Catholic faith, and like his generational peer Martin Scorsese, Cimino shows great interest in how spirituality guides human interaction. The protagonists in those films are able to tap into the energy of the world around them and harness that power for their own benefit. Cimino is at his most poetic in these scenesâ€” the final shot of SUNCHASER, showing a dying man racing to the magical lake that will purportedly save his life and instantly disappearing save for his splashing footsteps on the water, is a sublimely ambiguous conclusion that tips its hat towards the mysterious forces of nature. During this period, he also worked towards realizing biopics on Janis Joplin and the infamous mafia boss, Frank Costello 4. Unfortunately, it appears he did on several occasions. They can be reconsidered from a critical standpoint, sure, but they cannot be physically recalled. Those achievements alone make Cimino an important figure in the cinematic landscape, and the dizzying highs and nauseating lows of his career further merit careful study from film historians and students alike. Cimino indulged his ego too much, to the point that his sense of personal infallibility severed his connection to the emotional truths he needed to convey. For all his strengths, vision, and promise as a filmmaker, he ultimately failed because he repeatedly abandoned the narrative at hand

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