

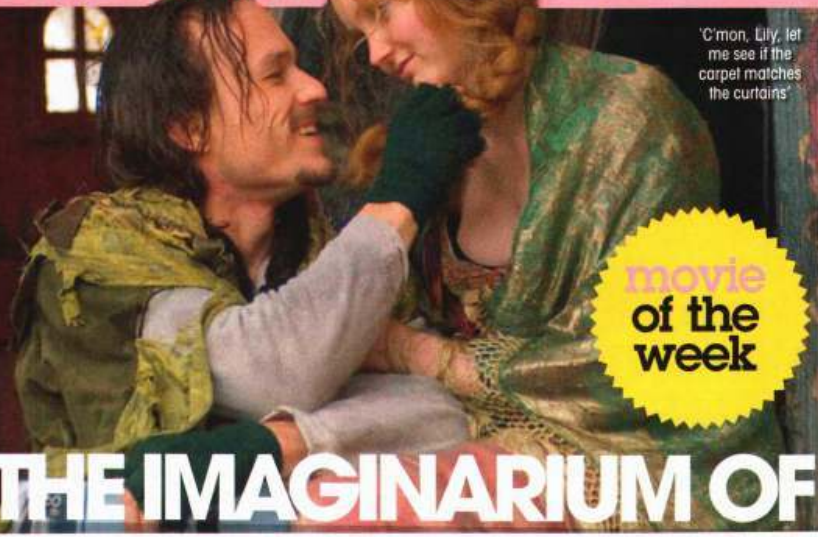


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'C'mon, Lily, let me see if the carpet matches the curtains'

movie of the week

THE IMAGINARIUM OF DOCTOR PARNASSUS

STARRING Heath Ledger, Johnny Depp, Jude Law, Colin Farrell, Christopher Plummer, Lily Cole, Tom Waits, Verne Troyer, Andrew Garfield
DIRECTOR Terry Gilliam **RATED** PG

Plot The enigmatic Dr Parnassus's best trick is a magic mirror which lures unsuspecting punters into the depths of their imagination. But when the mirror – and a deal with the devil – threaten to snatch away Parnassus's daughter Valentina, things get murky. Tony and Anton, members of his travelling theatre troupe, both love the young redhead, but can they save her from harm?

Highlights The trippy, over-the-top CGI visuals are typical Gilliam and pretty mind-blowing.
Lowlights The hype's been phenomenal due to Ledger's death during filming and the A-list actors who stepped in to fill his role. But it's quite jarring watching them reinvent the young Aussie's character and the plot is hard to follow. Fans will flock, but it's not for everyone. ★★★

See it



THE BOX
STARRING Cameron Diaz, James Marsden, Frank Langella, Sam Oz Stone
DIRECTOR Richard Kelly **RATED** M
 A struggling couple receive a box with a button and are told if they press it, they'll get a million dollars. The catch? They'll be responsible for a stranger's death. This bizarre morality tale is hampered by its ho-hum execution. ★★★



ALL ABOUT STEVE
STARRING Sandra Bullock, Bradley Cooper, Thomas Hayden Church, Ken Jeong
DIRECTOR Phil Tracill **RATED** PG
 A crossword puzzle creator falls for a cameraman and decides to stalk him across the country. Bullock is miscast as the film's social misfit and the tedious script means her usually funny co-stars can't bring it home either. ★★



Play it DVDs
STAR TREK
 A young James Kirk joins Starfleet in time to face a planet-destroying alien threat in this reboot of the classic sci-fi show. And by taking it back to its roots, director JJ Abrams boosts a tired franchise back to warp speed.
Film ★★★★★ **Extras** ★★★★★



DISGRACE
 A professor moves to his daughter's farm in South Africa following an affair with a student, but their lives change when they fall victim to violence. Confronting, with strong acting from John Malkovich and Jessica Haines. No extras.
Film ★★★★★



MONTY PYTHON: ALMOST THE TRUTH
 It's Monty Python's 40th anniversary and this documentary digs into the show's rich history. Interviews with the surviving Pythons are interspersed with contributions from current stars. Revealing and entertaining.
Film ★★★★★ **Extras** ★★★

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Whip It
 With a big alt-rock and pop bent, The Ramones sit alongside The Breeders, Clap Your Hands Say Yeah and the eternally cool *Jolene* by Dolly Parton. ★★★★★

SAM CLARK

What's on my iPod?



Mumford & Sons **LITTLE LION MAN**
 The Rocket Summer **SO MUCH LOVE**
 Pearl Jam **THE FIXER**
 David Gray **FUGITIVE**
 Kamivool **ROGUEFORT**



Britney
THE SINGLES COLLECTION



BRITNEY SPEARS
Britney: The Singles Collection
 Coinciding with her first Australian tour, this two-disc collection is as epic and mixed as her career, from the early successes like *Baby One More Time* to the impressive high point of *Piece Of Me*. In between Brit delivers a killer Bobby Brown cover, (*My Prerogative*), a solid new single (3) and some filler remixes. ★★★★★

album of the week

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