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Avatar, Vampires, Rats and Other Assorted Media Bridge 2009 to 2010

BY JOE VIGLIONE JANUARY - 3 - 2010



As the N.E. Patriots show real heart with Tom Brady in the game in the 4th quarter they are seen as true champions. There's an excellent story on the web by Doug Farrar about how football fans want games at the end of the year to mean something. When the Colts "protected" themselves instead of going for it they lost some momentum. And they looked like lightweights. The N.E. Patriots have lots of momentum as we head into the 2010 playoff picture, hopefully Wes Welker will be there with them...but as film critic here at TMR Zoo it is time to talk about my current favorite subject...Avatar!

Is it a perfect film? No...but I've yet to see a perfect film...even some of my very favorites - Boris Karloff in The Bride of Frankenstein, Mick Jagger in Performance, Terminator 2: Judgment Day, The Matrix Trilogy, all of them have areas that could have been enhanced. Maybe the original Star Wars comes closest to the bar in my mind, that mark many critics believe was set by Citizen Kane and Gone With The Wind - but let's talk about what is right with Avatar...the mystical world James Cameron creates is lovely and the 3D enhances the escapism. Sam Worthington's understated performance and Sigourney Weaver's presence all add to the many layered story. Though there's no Heath Ledger Joker performance (that's left to the special effects, the main focus of and in this major event) Avatar is a very special film. What will be very exciting is if the film studios spend the 30 million on the 3D technology for the original 1933 King Kong (unlikely), for the Matrix series, Star Wars, Lord Of The Rings, Terminator films...now that will make things very interesting...



MOTT THE HOOPLE reunion

Ian Hunter and Bad Company's Mick Ralphs have done very well in the 35 years since the original Mott The Hoople disbanded...and though they didn't get the airplay in America that they truly deserved, "All The Way To Memphis" and "All The Young Dudes" their most significant hits (only Dudes breaking the Top 40, and just marginally), they have an aura that cannot be denied...and are still a cult item in the worldwide scheme of

things. Angel Air in Europe has released numerous Mott and Mott-related products including one of my all-time favorite discs Brain Capers featuring classics that may find new life on You Tube - "Death May Be Your Santa Claus", "The Moon Upstairs", "The Journey", "The Wheel Of The Quivering Meat Conception"...pure genius. Seek out the 10 track bonus disc...Mott The Hoople's September and October shows caused quite a stir in the U.K., where they have received more airplay than in the states over the years...It's just nice to see the animosity put aside so that the fans (those of us still alive) can enjoy this phenomenal group.

WILLIE NILE

Willie Nile has a new CD "House of a Thousand Guitars" following-up his excellent "Live From The Streets Of New York" DVD and "Places I Have Never Been" and "Live In Central Park" CDs. TMR Zoo will have a full feature on Nile soon...his show at Passims in November of 2008 was brilliant, and his storied career is a nice platform for this artist to reach the wider audience he deserves.

THE RATS SECOND RECORD

David Kubinec of Mainhorse Airline has reissued the second RATS album and it looks like the first Long Player...an identical cover except that it says RATS SECOND RECORD instead of RATS FIRST RECORD. Ten tracks recorded in 1974 at Trident Studios in London feature Kubinec on vocals, acoustic guitar and keys, Graeme Quinton-Jones on lead guitar and keys, Colin White on drums and Peter Kirke on bass.

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January 3, 2010 at 11:12 pm

I am dedicated to keeping the name, legacy, and music of my husband, Sky Sunlight Saxon from fading away ... great to see you feel the same way! Please do visit his only official website: <http://www.skysaxon.com> ... I recently redesigned it and am adding content daily ... The truth is this amazing man just may be one of the most prolific artists of all time. I and our record label are continuing Sky's wishes and releasing over time Sky's music since the Crescendo days. Because Sky never stopped recording all these years, there are hours and hours of recordings we are going through and working on ... Thank you so much for being a fan! LOVE LOVE LOVE

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Securb says:

January 4, 2010 at 9:44 am

The Seeds laid the groundwork for the punk rock sound. Especially the stuff that was coming out of Boston in the late seventies & early eighties.



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