

Review: Hotel Transylvania

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Director:

Starring: Adam Sandler

Length: 91 minutes

Rating: ★★☆☆☆

Yet another Adam Sandler movie, his movies tend to be more misses than hits, however it is not obvious he is involved with this film. When I realised he played the lead, Dracula, I have to admit I was pleasantly surprised because he was actually quite good. His stereotypical Dracula accent, hid his usual intolerable pseudo-moron voice, and added to the fun and slight melodramatic tone of this film. However the movie world is awash with vampire-esk films at the moment, with such a varied choice this movie really has to tell us something new to stand out, even with Adam Sandler's better than usual performance, this film does risk disappearing into the crowd.

The film is about Count Dracula who has opened a hotel for monsters in Transylvania, to try to keep his daughter, Mavis, played by Selena Gomez, safe from the dangers of the human world. This fear of humans stems from the fact that Dracula's wife died when mob of humans attacked their castle after discovering they were vampires. The bulk of the film stems from the preparation of the hotel for Mavis' 118th birthday, this is interrupted by the arrival of a human back packer, Jonathan played by Andy Samberg. Dracula disguises Jonathan as a Frankenstein while he tries to get rid of him. But Jonathan just won't leave mainly because he and Mavis have fallen in love.

The film is a cliché; the plot is simple and inevitable. However we have to remember that his is primarily a children's film and so needs to be easy to follow. Despite its intended audience this film is amusing for children and adults alike, this is mainly thanks to the hilarious performance of Andy Samberg as Jonathan. He is probably best known to us as Cuckoo in the BBC Three TV series of the same name. In that he plays a 'far-out' hippy, a routine that he successfully utilises here. Not only does he get all the best lines, but he delivers them perfectly. It is his performance that really makes this film worth seeing.

If you want something that will challenge you intellectually then this is not the film for you. However this

movie has a childlike charm, it is fun with some beautifully animated scenery. If you have nothing better to do and you just want to relax and escape the library then give this film a try. It will make you smile.



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