

## Come to the dog and monkey show

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OR THOSE OF YOU who've never been to Wormwood's Dog and Monkey Cinema, now is a good time to start. Located on 2051 Gottingen Street this is a wonderfully unpretentious place featuring unusual and diverse films from many lands and eras.

FILM
December Bride
Wormwood's Cinema

Prices are good in comparison to other leading theatres, especially with an \$8.00 membership which entitles you to discount admission, tea and coffee, as well as putting you on the mailing list for their Cinema Guide published every month, also available at the Dalhousie SUB.

Wormwood's also contains a video rental store in case you missed any of their shows. This is a great

place for digging up any abstract or bizarre movies you never thought you'd have the chance to see again.

For my latest visit to this lovely spot, I witnessed a movie called "December Bride." Quite an interesting piece of work. The Irish countryside was a fabulous backdrop for this unconventional movie about a young woman working in the home of two brothers, both of whom she has "relationships" with but refuses to marry. Taking place in an era where religion dictated everything, this woman risked a lot to maintain her own independence and free her child from any name other than her own.

Originally, I'll admit I was a little wary of this film as I know very little about the Irish culture or history. My fears were kept alive for the first while as I struggled to understand everyone's heavy accents as well as their relationships to each other. This was slowly over-

come by the realization that although I missed the occasional word or sentence, the characters were so expressive with their body language and faces, I could usually stay with the swing of things.

After awhile, I was actually enjoying myself and only lost the plotline during very odd circumstances. I also became rather fond of the leading lady, Sarah, who appears in the beginning to be a rather unremarkable character but then evolves into such a complex and strong-willed woman that you cannot help but admire her determination, that is, if you can overlook her easy acceptance of whichever brother is most convenient each evening.

Unfortunately this movie is no longer running at Worm wood's but will hopefully be available on video sometime in the near future. It is definitely worth the effort of finding it if you are into a story with a very different view of relationships as well as great scenery.

Coming to Wormwood's in the near future, is: the B Movie Festival from September 20 to 23, "Movies so bad they're good!," and the 11<sup>th</sup> Atlantic Film Festival, Voices and Vision Highlights from September 24 to 29. If you still have any queries, call the Film Line at 422-3700 for information and a good laugh, or pick up a copy of the Cinema Guide, free, at a number of places.





