

# A Mark of Excellence

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## Comic Book: The Movie

Excitement continues to build, with the announcement that Miramax has announced a first look and distribution deal with Creative Light Entertainment.! Creative Light is the production company for Mark's fictional documentary, *Comic Book: The Movie*. Currently, it is scheduled for an autumn release in a set containing two dvd's.

The film follows Donald Swan, huge fan of comics, who has been hired to direct a documentary about his favourite comic book heroes, Commander Courage and Liberty Lad. Along for the job are the studio's marketing biggie, a cameraman always stoned, and the



West (*Ren & Stimpy*), Roger Rose (*Babe: Pig in the City*), Jess Harnell (*Animaniacs*), and Lori Alan (*Spongebob Squarepants*) just to name a few. Appearances by Hugh Hefner (yes, \*that\* Hugh Hefner), Matt Groening (*The Simpsons*), Bill Mumy (*Lost in Space*, Kevin Smith (*Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back*), Sid Caesar (*Your Show of Shows*), and others round out the list.

For more information, check out the *Comic Book: The Movie* website, [www.comicbookthemovie.com](http://www.comicbookthemovie.com).

grandson of the creator of Commander Courage. They head to San Diego Comic Con, which is where much of the documentary was filmed last year.

Mark not only stars in it, as Donald Swan, he is also making his directorial debut. For those of us who are animation fans, the cast is a feast. Billy



## Notes From the Editor

At long last, promised updates are in the IMHFC fan club members-only area of the website. All the IMHFC issues of *A Mark of Excellence* are now available online. Volumes 1 and 2 are accessible in the general area, Volumes 3-present are in the members-only section. My apologies for the long delay. Once again, RL intervened with a vengeance. More updates are planned, mostly in the 'Credits' and 'Photo Album' sections.

It's that time of year again! If you would like to send a short birthday wish to Mark for inclusion in the next issue of the newsletter, please e-mail HdShroom@aol.com with 'Birthday Wishes' in the subject heading, by 30 August, 2003. Or snail to

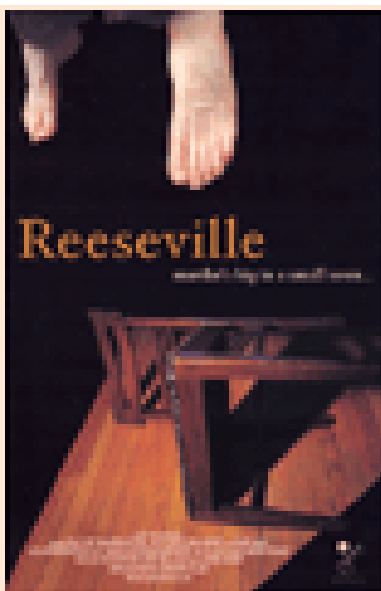
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As before, we are respecting Mark's request that please, no one send presents.



## Future Watch and *Did You Catch?*

Mark will be at the San Diego Comic Con, 17-20 July, for at least one of the three days it runs. He'll be doing a panel for *Comic Book: The Movie*, on either Friday night or Saturday.



Good news concerning *Reeseville*! Zenpix has agreed to release *Reeseville* theatrically in at least five cities! Plans are to start in late fall or early spring 2004. No definite cities yet, so check the website for any updates between now and the next newsletter in September.

The film had a premiere screening at the Cinequest Film Festival, 27 February-7 March 2003. From the programming guide for the festival:

'Enter Zeek (**played to perfection** by Mark Hamill), the town coroner and amateur sleuth, who notices

something amiss: several clues leading to the suspicion that this seemingly obvious suicide could very well be murder.'

Visit the website, [www.WelcometoReeseville.com](http://www.WelcometoReeseville.com), and view the trailers!

Did you happen to catch Mark on the Daytime Emmy Awards show, 16 May 2003? He introduced a tribute to forty years of '*General Hospital*'. He was on the show for nine months, back in 1972. He played the role of Jesse Brewer's nephew, Keith.

Mark was also at *The Hulk* premiere on 17 June 2003.

## Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks



After a successful run in Miami, talks are ongoing to bring *'Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks'* to New York

City. Nothing is definite yet, though the producers are looking at a fall opening date.

If you are considering

going to NY to see Mark and Rue McClanahan, please stop by the website's messageboard, in the 'New York

Bound? The Official Thread for "SDLSW" ' folder and let us know.. Or send a note to:

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As information concerning dates and theatre are confirmed, it will be posted on the website. No plans for anything just yet, but brainstorming is going on <g>

## AFI AND DISSING LUKE SKYWALKER

If you happened to miss the American Film Institute's programme, *'100 Years, 100 Heroes and Villains'* when it aired Tuesday, 2 June, you didn't miss much. Then again, maybe you did.

Despite being featured in two highlights for two other nominees, Luke Skywalker did not make the list. This reminds me of the Entertainment Weekly survey, that ran about 2 years ago. After some rather dubious, umm... massaging of the results, extending the dead-

line, etc, EW completely ignored the greatest hero category when it published the article in their 'zine. Why, do you ask? Because the character they wanted/expected to win, did not. Who won? Luke Skywalker.

From the AFI website:

**\*Hero:** For voting purposes, a "hero" was defined as a character(s) who prevails in extreme circumstances and dramatizes a sense of morality, courage and purpose. Though they may be ambiguous or flawed, they often sacrifice themselves to show humanity at its best.

The ironic part is that CBS, who aired the AFI special, had a survey on their website, asking people to vote for their hero and villain. When I last checked, Luke Skywalker was in the lead in the hero category.





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## The Last Word...

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