

21 Jump Street - Not How You Remember It



If you are hoping to revel in a bit of nostalgia by viewing the big-screen adaptation of the 80's television show *21 Jump Street*, you will be left feeling a tad empty and perhaps disappointed.

The movie adaptation, directed by Chris Miller, stars Channing Tatum and Jonah Hill and features many other familiar faces. Based rather loosely on the television show which first aired in 1987, *21 Jump Street* focuses on two defunct park cops who are placed on an undercover assignment at a high school, their only valuable skill-set being their ability to blend in well with teenagers. Their mission is to find the supplier of a new drug circulating on campus that has already taken the life of one student.

It sounds serious... but that couldn't be farther from the truth.

The movie has its funny moments that will have you laughing out loud, however as soon as the laughter stops you are brought back down to unimaginative and gratuitous raunch that serves no real purpose other than cheap laughs. It is a roller coaster ride of sorts that leaves you unsure as to whether you want to stay on or get off; it is funny one moment, lackluster and uninspired the next.

21 Jump Street cannot compare with the fluidity and smart humor of successful movies in the same genre such as *Anchorman* or *Superbad* (also starring Jonah Hill). While youth are likely to enjoy it on its raunch factor alone, those seeking a little more from a movie likely will not find it worth the \$10.00 ticket price.

There is nothing about this movie that is enhanced by the big screen and, quite frankly, you might as well save yourself some money. That being said, the movie is far from a flop, so it is worth a viewing – at home.