



Whiplash

Directed by: Damien Chazelle
Written by: Damien Chazelle
Cinematography: Sharone Meir
Edited by: Tom Cross
Music by: Justin Hurwitz
Art Direction by: Hunter Brown
Cast: Miles Teller (Andrew), J.K. Simmons (Fletcher), Paul Reiser (Jim Neimann), Melissa Benoist (Nicole), Austin Stowell (Ryan), Nate Lang (Carl Tanner), Chris Mulkey (Uncle Frank)
Production Companies: Bold Films, Blumhouse Productions, Right of Way Films
Distributed by: Sony Pictures Classics
Running Time: 106 minutes
Country: United States, 2014

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Whiplash is cinematic adrenalin. In an era when so many films feel more refined by focus groups or marketing managers, it is a deeply personal and vibrantly alive drama. Damien Chazelle has taken a relatively staid subject like the relationship between a music student and his teacher and turned it into a thriller built on a brilliant undercurrent of social commentary about what it takes to make it in an increasingly competitive and cutthroat world. How far are you willing to push yourself to succeed? How far are you willing to push someone else to force them on the path to success? Carried by two electric performances, the tightest editing in a film this year and a daring screenplay that writes itself into a corner and then somehow finds an unexpected way out, "Whiplash" is as breathless as a drum solo, rising and falling just as the hopes and dreams of its protagonist climb and crash.

<https://www.rogerebert.com/reviews/whiplash-2014>

DAMIEN CHAZELLE

Damien Chazelle is an American director and screenwriter. His directorial debut was the musical *Guy and Madeline on a Park Bench* (2009), his breakthrough came when he wrote and directed his second feature film, *Whiplash* (2014), which was based on his award-winning 2013 short film of the same name. The film received five Academy Award nominations, including Best Picture and Best Adapted Screenplay for Chazelle. In 2016 his film *La La Land* received critical and commercial acclaim, winning all 7 of its Golden Globe nominations, including Best Director, and Best Original Screenplay. It also received a record-tying 14 Academy Award nominations, winning six including Best Director for Chazelle who became the youngest person in history to win a Oscar for Best Director at the age of 32. Chazelle also co-wrote *10 Cloverfield Lane* (2016).

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