

MOVIES

BY THELMA ADAMS

OPENS FRIDAY 1/30

New in Town

★★★

Florida corporate fast-tracker Lucy (Renée Zellweger) heads to rural Minnesota to restructure a factory and battles the local union rep (Harry Connick Jr.) — until he rescues her from a snowdrift and she, duh, falls for him. He's a little bit country, she's a little bit rock 'n' roll — and it's all totally contrived! The movie may be called *New in Town*, but it's an old Hollywood love story that doesn't improve with age. One last thing: If Lucy's such a smarty, why didn't she bring a winter coat to the frozen Midwest?



Zellweger's beau (Connick) is a single dad.

HARRY CONNICK JR.

Man About Town

HARRY CONNICK JR.
41, helps

Renée Zellweger adjust to life in a tiny community in *New in Town*. He tells *Us* about the time he was the odd man out.



Connick

Q: When were you new to a city? I moved to New York at 18. You have all these dreams, but nobody cares. I was coming from New Orleans, which was a much smaller place. You readjust.

Q: What's it like being a musician in Hollywood's acting scene? You have to be present to develop a full career, but I've already got a day job: I play music. So I'm not in L.A. all the time. Sometimes I think I'm off people's radar!

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SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL

Five Standout Flicks

500 DAYS OF SUMMER

This charming, offbeat romantic comedy — which jumps back and forth in time over the 500-day-long relationship between Tom (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) and Summer (Zooey Deschanel) — offers a poignant look at two New Yorkers who may not be right for each other.

THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE

Documentarian R.J. Cutler follows Vogue editor Anna Wintour (the rumored inspiration for *The Devil Wears Prada*) and her staff for eight months as they put together their biggest issue of the year. It's satisfying — and will turn Vogue's creative director Grace Coddington into a star.

ADAM

In this touching drama Hugh Dancy convinces as a man with Asperger's syndrome — a type of autism — who gets a crush on a teacher (Rose Byrne) living downstairs.



Dancy

PUSH

And the Oscar goes to . . . **Mo'Nique?** The Parkers star had festgoers talking gold statues for her portrayal of an abusive Harlem mom in this devastating drama featuring newcomer Gabourey Sidibe and Mariah Carey.

I LOVE YOU PHILLIP MORRIS

This comedy-drama — a true story — follows a Texas man (Jim Carrey) whose love for his beau (Ewan McGregor) led him on a years-long crime spree.

BRADLEY JACOBS



McGregor and Carrey