

# MOVIES

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## 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.

**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!



Connick

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Gordon-Levitt and Deschanel's film is set for release in July.



## 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