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Bridge Crusader-Final Cut at Regent last night and SYEN talks to leading man, Eric Eastman



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Three year anniversary at the Regent photo by moi

Last night, John Hartman of Reel Groovy Films and Zee Zarbock of Unfolding Story Pictures celebrated the three year anniversary of their movie, Bridge Crusader by showing it at the Regent Theater in Arlington. There were also belly dancers and sword fighting knights. They put on a good show, but how was the movie?

In the documentary film after the movie, John Hartman spoke to how the movie grew from something short to a full length picture. Normally, something jury rigged could be expected to be a rickety edifice at best. I think, though, Eric in the interview below, puts it best by using the word evolved. Even

though the movie action moves from the Fourth Crusade to Yankee New England, the story does maintain a unity.

Eric as leading man has served in the crusades, but preserves his honor by refusing to participate in the Sack of Constantinople along with some comrades of like mind. A later reincarnation of Eric has been studying and writing and filming the covered bridges of New England. He sees a woman in the bridges and she haunts him for years. The lady becomes his quest. Is this Sir Eric's lady from the past? What is it she requires of him?

Eric is steadfast in his quest to help the mysterious and elusive lady. The years fly by, but he does not falter. Finally, he finds a resolution to reward his constancy. Eric, in two lifetimes is a true knight. For what is the Arthurian ideal of knighthood but faithfulness to a quest?

At the end, John and Zee entertained questions and comments. Local actress, Shelly Nun Chucks commented on how refreshing it was to see something so original. I'm glad she said that as it was dead on. Whether it evolved or was jury rigged, still it is original and it worked splendidly.

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More than a few in the audience commented on the music and suggested that a soundtrack be used to promote the movie. I was surprised no one suggested submitting Bridge Crusader to film festivals. Then again, it is three years old and I am not sufficiently versed in film festival rules.

Many movies with much less going for them have become cult films. Bridge Crusader should have a following. How to get it there is the question.

Now for the SYEN (Swamp Yankee Entertainment Network) interview with Eric Eastman:

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John Hartman says:

Thanks 4 shedding light on Bridge Crusader, Boston Crusader!

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