
DISNEY'S HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR

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High School Was Never This Much Fun! Romeo and Juliet. Annette and Frankie. Han Solo and Princess Leia. Aragorn and Arwen. You don't have to be a movie buff to recognize these famous movie couples. Ask any tween girl who they think should join this list and they'll squeal, "Troy and Gabriella!" Just watch Disney's High School Musical 3: Senior Year and you'll understand why.

Following in the footsteps of its highly successful franchise predecessors — according to CNN, the first HSM has generated more than 1 billion dollars in operating profits to Disney - High School Musical 3: Senior Year picks up with the world's favorite high school students (ZAC EFRON, VANESSA HUDGENS, ASHLEY TISDALE, LUCAS GRABEEL, CORBIN BLEU and MONIQUE COLEMAN) experiencing all the fun and excitement of their senior year, including a basketball championship, prom, and a big spring musical. However, in the midst of the fun, boyfriend and girlfriend Troy and Gabriella must face the fact that their dreams for college might separate them forever. In my opinion, this show should be classified as a fairy tale; no high school in the country is that perfect. It's pristine; not one piece of trash on the grounds, no, "So-and-so loves So-and-so" scratched on a locker. No one has a problem with the school lunches. All the teachers are loved, especially the drama teacher, Ms Darbus (ALYSON REED) who wears artsy bohemian clothes and sits on a gilded throne in her classroom, while sipping tea from a china cup. All the students in the school are extremely talented and will launch into a full-blown song and dance numbers at the least provocation. But that's what makes this movie so enjoyable. The filmmakers do not expect the audience to identify with the struggles of these students. They just want them to sit back, forget their problems for 112 minutes and enjoy the ride. Looking around the packed theater I was sitting in, it was obvious that the audience was doing just that. From the 2 year old dancing in her father's lap, to the tweens who were singing along with every song (they must have purchased the soundtrack early) to the college age girls sighing over the cute boys, to the adults smiling at the enthusiasm of innocent love; this audience was thoroughly enjoying themselves. And in a time when people are facing crises of all sizes and shapes, don't we all long for a film that is just plain and simple, pure enjoyment? Bravo Disney! High School Musical 3: Senior Year is rated G.