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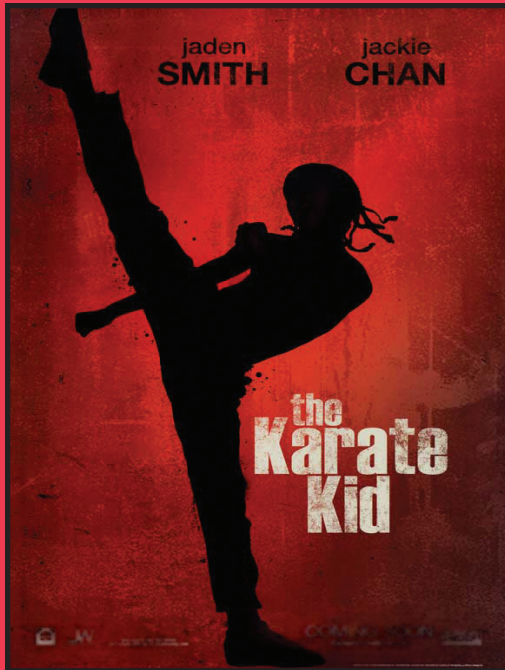
**AVALON** CINEMA  
CENTRE

Reviewed by Ben Rogers

## THE KARATE KID

3.5 out of 5 stars – Refreshing remake of a martial arts classic

It was exactly 26 years ago when the original Karate Kid was released in cinemas. It was a remarkable success and is one of the most memorable movies the 1980s has to offer. For anyone who has seen the original, there isn't a great deal of initiative to see this remake as some parts are exactly the same. Even the camera angles they use for some of the fight scenes are identical! The Karate Kid stars Will Smith's son Jaden as Dre, a boy who recently moved to China with his mother. Upon his arrival at an apartment complex, he gets bullied and beaten up by some bigger kids who Dre later finds out do Kung Fu. Dre then sets out to learn Kung Fu from Mr. Han (Jackie Chan), a maintenance man who was once a martial arts expert. The first thing that crossed my mind when I sat through this film was the fact that the 'Karate Kid' ends up learning Kung Fu which gives the film a somewhat misleading title which, compared with other things, is a very minor point. The acting in this movie wasn't as good as I expected but



then again, this is only Jaden Smith's second film (the first being Pursuit of Happyness) so I give him credit for the effort he puts

in here. The script on the other hand was childish in places and made me squirm uncomfortably on more than one occasion. Thankfully though, the martial arts fighting was very well choreographed and those scenes I enjoyed tremendously sheerly because of the fluency that the fighters emitted. Another positive point about his movie was that the scenery of Beijing and of the surrounding areas was simply gorgeous. It gave the movie a calm and

sentimental feeling that emphasizes the atmosphere and made the film a delight to watch. Unlike some other martial arts films, The Karate Kid had good character development and members of the audience felt Dre's pain as he got picked on and bullied by the other kids. They also felt his pride during the closing minutes of the movie which is rarely seen in any Hollywood movie anymore. In conclusion, The Karate Kid is a slightly modernised version of the original and has lots of similarities. However, it has proven to me and others that even 26 years on, there are still lots more that we as audience members can learn from movies such as this one.

## city scoop

**FREE 3 DAY WORKSHOPS** : "TOURISM, HOSPITALITY & RETAIL" JULY 13, 14, 15 from 9 am to 4 p.m. "CAREERS IN THE TRADES" WORKSHOPS August 10, 11, 12. Open to all unemployed and out of school youth aged 15 - 30. Location: Nanaimo Youth Services Association Youth Employment Centre, 290 Bastion Street. Call 250-754-8101 to register or for more information on speakers and tours.

JEREMY FISHER, HANNAH GEORGAS, SAID THE WHALE & AIDAN KNIGHT present: THE MALAHAT REVUE at The Nanaimo Entertainment Centre, 46 Nicol St., Nanaimo. Friday July 16th Doors: 6:30pm. Tickets on sale at Lucid, Tranceformations, Music Maxx & online at [www.clubzone.com](http://www.clubzone.com)

**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BATHTUB RACE** Downtown Nanaimo harbour, JULY 25th 2010 11AM. BATHTUB PARADE JULY 24, 10:30AM

THE PORT THEATRE: Ticket Centre: 1.250.754.8550.

Sat. July 10 8:00pm Crimson Coast Dance Society Presents:

BESIDE EACH OTHER- featuring Andrea Nann & Brendan Wyatt dancing to original music and poetry by Tragically Hip singer Gord Downie. Ticket price includes admission to post-event reception at the Red Martini Grill. All seats \$22, seating on stage.

Thurs. July 22 7:30 p.m Celtic Performance Arts presents: Celtfest 2010. An incredible line-up of Celtic dancers and musicians. \$36, age 12 yrs. or younger \$26.50, Grp 10 + \$30

Thursday, August 5, 7:30pm The Port Theatre and The Nanaimo Conservatory of Music Present: NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF CANADA. Program includes blockbuster classics by Strauss and Rimsky-Korsakov plus a new work by Kati Agócs, commissioned by the NYOC. \$15, Student \$10, eyeGO- \$5

Mon. August 9 7:30pm Xentel DM presents: "WONDERS" MAGIC SHOW- with Grand Illusionist- Ryan Royce (Tickets call - 1.800.661.0178)

Mon. Aug. 30 7:30pm Live Nation presents: BLUE RODEO All seats \$61.50

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