



FILM: **AMY**

FDG RATING: 3.4



Film Discussion Group (FDG) Scale is 1-5 (5 is best)

Asif Kapadia: *Director*

Documentary with archival clips and interviews

DATE: August 23, 2015

DISCUSSION SUMMARY: **AMY**

Amy Winehouse was a super star, singer, lyricist, and entertainer who rocketed to fame in 2006 when she was only 22 and burnt out way too soon, dying from accidental alcohol poisoning in 2011 at 27. Some of us knew her music especially her signature song Rehab, but even those of us who weren't familiar with her music felt we really got to know and care about her through the sincere, honest documentary.

The film was well choreographed with lots of archival footage often accompanied by commentary from her friends and others who knew her best. Sadly, we see a vivacious, precociously talented young girl with dysfunctional parents who probably were a cause of her addictive disorders, reckless partying, and self doubt.

One of the most touching, warm, and memorable scenes was her duet with Tony Bennett, her idol.

The home movie technique, choppy at times, made everything more real and feel less like a documentary. Though some of us felt the film was too long, we recognized the treasure trove of footage. We agreed that the film was very well done, technically accomplished, and presented a thorough portrait of Amy's rise and fall, succumbing as many other gifted musicians to the overwhelming and destructive life style. We applauded the film with an appreciative score of 3.4 on a scale of 1-5 (5 is the best.)



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See you at the movies!

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