



FILM: **THE MASTER**

FDG RATING: 2.4 ☹️😊😊😊😊

Paul Thomas Anderson: *Director*

Joaquin Phoenix: *Actor: Freddie Quell*

Philip Seymour Hoffman: *Actor: Lancaster Dodd*

DATE: October 28, 2012

DISCUSSION SUMMARY: **THE MASTER**

9 film fanatics had polar opposite opinions of The Master at our Oct. 28 film discussion. All agreed Joaquin Phoenix was outstanding in his role, but the majority thought the film was boring, disconnected, and wished they hadn't seen a film about such desperate individuals.

A very passionate minority offered thought provoking observations about the theme of "master", not necessarily a person, but also how power, drugs, money, egotism, can become masters of a person's life. Who becomes a follower and who becomes a leader, what is the attraction, the loyalty, the blind devotion to meaningless doctrines?

On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 is the highest), two 4s and a 3.5, couldn't compete with the negative votes of .5, two 1s, 2, 2.5, and 3. The result is a dismal 2.4.

Pras wrote a very insightful critique on his web site:

<http://prasenjitchaudhuri.wordpress.com/2012/09/27/pras-on-world-films-the-master/>

Coincidentally timed with the Nov. election, our next discussion on Nov. 25 is "Lincoln", a Steven Spielberg's biopic of the 16th US president starring Daniel Day-Lewis. Let's see if he can match Joaquin's performance.



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See you at the movies!

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