

EVENTS

Thesis Art Exhibit
8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 18-22, 25-29

Check out the artwork Truman students created to fulfill their Bachelor of Fine Arts or Bachelor of Arts Studio Art degrees. The University Art Gallery is free and open to the public.

Color Zumba
6-7 p.m. April 18
Red Barn Park

Join the Student Activities Board for an outdoor Zumba class incorporating colored powder.*

*The colored powder might stain clothing and could trigger allergic reactions to corn or rice. There will be a designated location for those who don't want to be exposed to the colored powder.

Taste of Truman

with Laura Seaman

Crockpot Chicken Fajitas

Ingredients:

- 2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 3 bell peppers, any color
- 1 yellow onion
- 14.5 ounce can of diced tomatoes with green chilies
- 4 garlic cloves
- 2 1/2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 3/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt

**Directions:**

1. Start by slicing peppers and onion, then mince cloves of garlic.
2. Empty half of the diced tomatoes into bottom of crock pot, then cover with half of the peppers, onion and garlic.
3. Mix chili powder, paprika, pepper and salt in a small bowl, then coat chicken breasts with the mixture.
4. Place chicken breasts into the crock pot, then cover with the remaining tomatoes, peppers, onion and garlic.
5. Cook on high for 4 hours, then set to warm and slice or shred the chicken. Wrap the chicken in the tortillas before serving. Serves nine.

Prep time: 20 minutes



TOP 5 Dark Comedies in Film and Television



"Deadpool" proved an R-rated superhero movie could be successful. The film is violent, vulgar and follows a true antihero. The film also is endlessly hilarious, with constant fourth wall breaks that poke fun at pop culture and even the studio funding the movie.



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"Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt" is a comedy, but it deals with some serious issues. After being held captive underground most of her life, Kimmy moves to New York City. Despite her sunny disposition, Kimmy references some of those darker themes throughout season one.



4

"Something About Bob" has Bill Murray looking for a friend in his therapist and his family, but all his therapist wants to do is get rid of Bob, in any way possible. This involves a series of attempts on Bob's life, including blowing him up.



2

"Little Miss Sunshine" also is a comedy with dark undertones – Steve Carell's character is suicidal while Paul Dano's character faces the harsh reality of realizing his dreams of being a pilot aren't possible because he's color blind.



5

The gang of "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" is narcissistic jerks who constantly find themselves in outlandish situations. From Dee and Dennis getting hooked on meth to Charlie pretending to have cancer, "It's Always Sunny" takes risqué topics and puts a comedic spin on them.

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"HARDCORE HENRY," A VIOLENT, BLOODY, RIDICULOUSLY FUN THRILL RIDE

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This one's for the gamers. And hopefully the non-gamers, but "Hardcore Henry" certainly requires an open mind before you step into the theater. Written and directed by Ilya Naishuller, the entire film is shot through the hero's perspective, making it one of the most video-game-like films out there.

Recovering from unknown injuries, Henry wakes up in a laboratory to see his wife, Estelle, attaching a cybernetic hand and leg to replace his missing limbs. Now mostly machine, Henry has no memory of his life before his accident and isn't able to speak because of some technical mishaps. When Akan, a telekinetic who has come to abduct Henry, kidnaps Estelle, Henry goes rogue to find her.

This film is crazy fun, and it has everything to do with the action. Violent and bloody, Henry — and the audience — move from action scene to action scene without missing a step. From foot chases to car chases to hand-to-hand combat, the audience is along for the ride. Except for the last fight scene,

the first-person perspective wasn't too disorienting. Each of these action sequences are set to some really amazing songs, like "My Girl" by The Temptations and "Don't Stop Me Now" by Queen. It's exhilarating. It's the most fun you'll probably have at the theater this year. It's hardcore.

The film takes time between the action sequences for some quieter moments, which helps with understanding the world Henry and the audience have found themselves in. But a lot of this is exposition heavy, with Jimmy — Henry's only ally during his quest to save his wife — as the mouth piece for that exposition.

Because there's so much action and crazy going on, those details tend to get lost, making the story of "Hardcore Henry" the weakest part of the film. Because Henry wakes up with amnesia, it's difficult to get a grasp on who Henry is and why he's important enough for Jimmy to help. The momentum of the film doesn't allow the story to take its time and the details we do get, no matter how clumsy their explanation, are enough to get an idea of everything.

The film also is endlessly funny. Jimmy, played by Sharlto Copley, is absolutely hilarious as the

wheelchair-using scientist who has discovered how to create avatars of himself to move around in the world. The first-person perspective aside, Jimmy's avatars are the best example of a video game world. Almost immediately after meeting Jimmy — who first appears as some James Bond-like hero — Jimmy gets shot in the head and dies. Not five minutes later, Jimmy's back, but as a homeless guy, trying to keep Henry on mission. Copley does the humor well, but he also handles the tragedy of life fantastically once we meet wheelchair-using Jimmy.

"Hardcore Henry" is the debut feature for Naishuller and was filmed almost entirely using GoPro Hero3: Black Edition cameras. Naishuller really understands the pacing of the action sequences too. There's a lot of humor here in dialogue, music choices and the use of the camera.

I'm not a video game person, and I loved this film. Don't let the first-person perspective turn you off. Be glad someone finally did something a little different. "Hardcore Henry" is a wild ride, and I promise, it's not one you'll want to miss.

Grade — B-