

"Romance and Cigarettes" Interview With John Turturro

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ROMANCE AND CIGARETTES is an absurdist blue collar melo-musical featuring a Rockstar cast. James Gandolfini, Susan Sarandon, Christopher Walken and a scorching Kate Winslet sing and dance their way through a tale of a dysfunctional family that is way beyond tuning up. While the characters (not the actors) have less than perfect voices and moves, it is all made up with an enthusiasm for life and music.

Director [John Turturro](#) ("Mac," "Illuminata") recently sat down with us to discuss the project. Topics include Bukowski, "The Catfight" between Kate Winslet and Susan Sarandon, singing underwater and what he thinks would be the ultimate Christopher Walken role.

Where did you get the idea for this picture?

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With his first feature film, [John Turturro](#) has a chance to show his range as an actor. In ["Romance and Cigarettes"](#), he plays a man who is a bit of a mess, but who is also a very good person. He is a man who is trying to find his way in the world, and who is trying to find a way to connect with the people around him. He is a man who is trying to find his way in the world, and who is trying to find a way to connect with the people around him.