

# (500) DAYS OF SUMMER

JOSEPH GORDON-LEVITT AND ZOOEY DESCHANEL CO-STAR IN *(500) DAYS OF SUMMER*, A QUIRKY ROMANTIC DRAMA-SLASH-COMEDY SET IN SUNNY LOS ANGELES.

## Fast Facts

Marc Webb created a music video as a companion piece to the film, titled "The Bank Heist". It features Deschanel and Gordon-Levitt dancing to "Why Do You Let Me Stay Here?", a song by Deschanel's folk group She & Him.

Directed by Marc Webb, previously best known for creating music videos for the likes of Good Charlotte, Fergie and Ashley Simpson, the film revolves around young lovers Tom Hansen (Gordon-Levitt) and Summer Finn (Deschanel).

It chronicles the 500 days of their relationship beginning on January 8, when Summer begins working for Tom's boss. Over the course of several months Summer and Tom grow closer, despite Summer making it clear to Tom that she doesn't want a boyfriend.

"She doesn't believe in love, and he does believe in love," Deschanel explains. "They start a relationship, and [the movie is] sort of about what happens to them."

Adds Levitt, "He thinks that all of his problems will be solved if he can just be with this one person, and he has to man up a little bit and find his own self throughout the course of the movie."

It's the second time the actors have teamed up on screen – their first collaboration was almost a decade ago, on 2001's *Manic* – and Deschanel admits that the chance to work with Levitt again was a big drawcard.

"I love Jo – he's so fantastic, and I just feel lucky to work with him again. We've been friends for a long time," she says.

"Also, when I read the script I thought it was really charming from the first moment, and very entertaining. When I was able to see the parts of Summer that were little clues to her personality, I thought it would be a nice challenge to play someone that was a little bit mysterious."

*(500) Days of Summer* was a hit with critics and audiences alike, taking in more than US\$46 million at the

box office – more than six times its budget! – and earning nominations for People's Choice, Independent Spirit and Golden Globe awards.

It's music to the ears of Webb, who has helmed dozens of music videos, and will next be directing the new *Spiderman* movie. "I feel like, a lot of times, love on film is dealt with either in a very dark way or a goofy way," he says. "And when I read the script, I felt like it talked about it in some sort of realistic way that I just connected to."

It's also currently rated "87% certified fresh" on RottenTomatoes.com, and *Rolling Stone* reviewer Peter Travers gave the flick three and a half stars out of four, writing, "Boy meets girl, boy loses girl. It's been done to emo death. That's why the sublimely smart-sexy-joyful-sad *(500) Days of Summer* hits you like a blast of pure romantic oxygen."

## VITAL STATS

**Director:** Marc Webb

**Stars:** Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Zooey Deschanel

**Budget:** US\$7.5 million

**Gross worldwide revenue:**

US\$46,286,752



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