

# 'The Romantics' Starring Katie Holmes, Anna Paquin, Elijah Wood & More



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Interested in seeing a love story that transcends the rom com genre by breathing new life into it with a unique plot and A-list actors? Eager to settle into a theater seat with buttery popcorn in your lap and your girlfriends giggling by your side? *The Romantics*, which premieres today, September 10, may be just what you need. Based on the novel by producer/writer/director Galt Niederhoffer, *The Romantics* is directed by its original novelist and follows the story of seven close friends, all members of the same college clique, as they get together to watch two of their own get married. Lila (Anna Paquin), the bride, and Laura (Katie Holmes), the maid of honor, have long been coveting for Tom (Josh Duhamel), the groom. In fact, Laura is his former lover. As if this heated love triangle doesn't create enough tension and drama already, the drunken group of friends takes a late-night swim the day before the wedding and return without the groom. Ominous weather is looming overhead, and the night is sure to be eventful.



**Want some solid reasons as to why you should start making your way over to the movie theater?**

Check out what these reviews had to say:

1. “*The Romantics* gets much of the female chitchat right, from catty asides to sisterly chase-fights in bare feet,” says *Time Out New York*’s Joshua Rothkopf.

2. “Replete with unconventional music choices, hand-held camerawork, and a rather simple, yet dramatic and funny plot, the film balances itself out with its share of hits and misses,” says [Limité Magazine](#)’s Daniel Quitério.

3. “So one enjoys *Romantics* for the genre trappings – the inebriated toasts, feverish gossiping, unexpected trysts, the de rigueur wedding dress snafu and bright lines that cut through the mood of sentimentality and nostalgia,” says the [Hollywood Reporter](#)’s Kirk Honeycutt.

Other notable actors and actresses in the film include Adam Brody, Malin Akerman, Elijah Wood, Diana Agron, Jeremy Strong, Rebecca Lawrence and Candice Bergen.

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