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Smash Palace

Director: Roger Donaldson Was I alone in this Was I alone in thinking Donaldson's previous film, Sleeping Dogs, to be one of the great disasters of New Zealand Cinema? Smash Palace, whilst mercifully devoid of the silly

Future Shock trimmings of Dogs, is only marginally better.
Technically the film is fine, a smooth product with images falling easily on the eye, and even at times doing a little more than that. Donaldson is served well by

Bruno Lawrence, who gives a moving performance as the alienated hero, and the supporting cast is adequate. Occasionally the odd scene comes off beautifully, such as the birthday party between father and daughter on the run, although for most of the

film the pacing is deadly. With all its faults, Skin Deep had far more 'heart' than this inflated 'road picture' piece, and Geoff Murphy's Goodbye Pork Pie seems a minor masterpiece alongside it. Apart from other fringe benefits such as Sharon O'Neill's songs, Smash Palace is a medicare and cynical attempt to mediocre and cynical attempt to beat the Americans at what they can do so much better, with a hamburger in each hand.

Shock Treatment

Director: Jim Sharman
Perhaps this sequel to the ubiquitous Rocky Horror Picture
Show looked good on paper, or perhaps it suffered from being shot in British studios instead of the originally-planned smalltown locations over the Atlantic Whatever the reason, this is a sad



effort - flabby, tired and straining after effects like a toddler trying to get up to a high shelf. One felt quite exhausted after its

mere 90 minutes.

Alac, one would never in a month of Mother's Days ever suspect that Barry Humphries, even out of his Edna Everidge drag, could be boring, but he does go on a little overmuch. But with a script like Shock Treatment has, what else is there to do? Go and catch Rocky Horror Picture Show instead.

Three Immoral Women

Director: Walerian Borowczyk Once upon a time, this director's bizarre and idiosyncratic cinematic fables only saw the light of day in the more rarified atmosphere of the mid-year film festival. But the commercial success of *The Streetwalker* a few years back must have given the distributors the idea of bringing out this 1979 Borowczyk film. Like the earlier *Immoral Tales*,

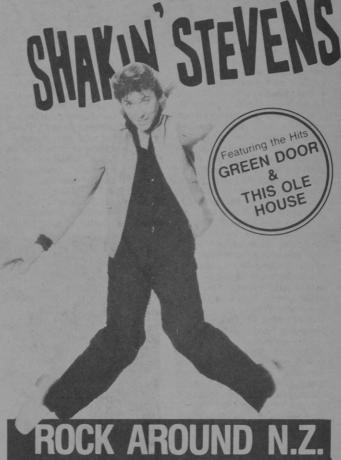
this is a portmanteau film with three stories, each dealing with a loose but glamorous lady per-petrating her wickedness on the fringes of the art world (the first, for example, concerns Raphael's murder by a delinquent mistress). The middle sequence concerns a young nymphet's affair with a rabbit called Pinky, and the last shows just how close a lady can be to her dog.

Most of the humour is saved for these last two, the middle story being delightfully handled by Borowczyk, although the elephantine dubbing detracts badly from the elegance of the treatment. Insofar as the film's sexual content, which was certainly the slant that most of the advertising stressed, Borowczyk's characteristic obsession with objects and various federal this advertising stressed by the stress of the stres doubt would have made this a mystifying experience to a Sunday night audience intent on cheap titillation. William Dart

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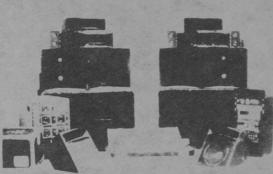
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