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Class of 61 summary

Class 61GenreDramaHistoryWarWritten byJonas McCord Directed by Gregory HoblitStarringDan FuttermanClive OwenJosh LucasTheme music composerJohn DebneyCountry of OriginUnited StateOriginal (--- Language(s) EnglishGamyChian producer(s)Steven SpielbergJonas McCordProducer(s)Gregg FienbergProduction location(s)Charleston, South CarolinaMt. Berry, GeorgiaCinematographyJanusz KamińskiEditor(s) David RosenbloomRunning time90 minutesProduction company(s)Amblin TelevisionUniversal TelevisionDistributorABCReleaseOriginal networkABCPicture formatColorAudio formatStereoOriginal releaseApril 12, In 1993, 61-93, the 61st American War drama television film steven spielberg created as a projected television series about the American Civil War. [1] He focused on men who were at the point of the west and separated by war between North and South. Filmed in Charleston, South Carolina and Atlanta, this work was the first collaboration between Spielberg and cinematographer Janusz Kamiński. The plot film follows several West Point classmates who are fighting on opposite sides of the American Civil War, which disrupts the lives of their previously close community. The film also follows the adventures of Lucius, a slave who escapes through the underground railway to freedom. The film cuts between the birth of the First Battle of the Bull Run and Lucius' child into slavery. Cast Dan Futterman as Shelby Peyton as Josh Lucas as George Armstrong Custer in John P. Navin, Jr. as Burnett Clive Owen as Devin O'Neil, Sophie Ward as Shannen O'Neil, Laura Linney as Lily Magraw, Andre Braugher as Lucius Barry Cullison as Sergeant Yancy Len Cariou as Dr. Leland Peyton, Dana Ivey as Mrs. Julia Peyton, Robert Newman as Capt. Wykoff Production The Famous Civil War historian Shelby Foote acted as a consultant, and documentary producer Ken Burns was recognized for his contribution. In 1990, he produced a critically acclaimed Civil War documentary series. [2] Links ^ Hadden, Briton; Luce, Henry Robinson (1992). Time - Google Books. Retrieved 24/10/2013. † Class 61 (1993) - Overview. Turner Classics (TCM.com). 25/04/2010. Retrieved 24.10.2013. External references to class '61 on IMDb This article related to the American TV drama movie is a stub. On Wikipedia you can help expand it.vte This article about war drama film is unfinished. Wikipedia you can help expand it.vte Retrieved from scw1842CLASS OF '61 (1993) ReviewTwenty-six years ago, ABC Television aired a pilot episode of the American War drama about the U.S. Civil War written by John McCord's CLASS OF '61 told the story of three West Point alumni from class of 1861 who found themselves on opposite sides after an outbreak of war. I have a few fixes to make. CLASS OF '61 told the story of one A point graduate, an Irish immigrant named Devlin O'Neil of Baltimore, and one cadet who dropped out of the academy after an outbreak of war, Shelby Peyton of Virginia. And the third man turned out to be young George Armstrong Custer, who graduated with a grade of 61 but served only as a supporting character in this production. In fact, the third main character in class of '61 is a young man named Lucius, who happened to be a slave owned by Shelby's father, doctor and plantation owner. The film followed Devlin, Shelby, Lucius and so on, even young Custer from that last day of peace before the Fort Sumter bombing to the waning moment of the Bull Run Battle (or Manassas). After Shelby dropped out of West Point, after the Fort Sumter bombing and surrender, Shelby Peyton visits Devlin O'Neil's home in Baltimore and learns that the latter's father withdrew his permission for Shelby to marry Devlin's sister, Shannon, because of Shelby's decision to follow his state into the confederacy. Shelby also discovers that Devlin and Shannon's younger brother, Terry, joined a local street mob that happened to be pro-Confederate. 19, 1861, during the Pratt Street riots; Terry ends up temporarily imprisoned in Fort McHenry before heading south to join the Confederate Army. After his graduation from West Point, Devlin experienced a difficult time getting an Army assignment due to Terry's action. Devlin meets a Virginia belle from nearby Alexandria named Lily Magraw at a soirée hosted by a longtime Washington socialite named Rose O'Neal Greenhow. Unknown to the devil, both Lily and Mrs. Greenhow are Confederate spies. Shelby's friendship with father slave Lucius is tested for the latest brief attempt to escape slavery with his pregnant wife, Lavinia. After killing one (or two) of the slave catchers who spotted him, Lucius is forced to leave the Shelby plantation without his wife and head north through the Underground Railroad.One would immediately notice that CLASS OF '61 has no basic narrative, except for a few key characters experiencing the first three months of the U.S. Civil War. That's because this 93-minute film was supposed to serve as a pilot in the new series. . . who is never convinced. However, this free narrative, depicting a handful of plot lines, did not deter me from producing. When I first saw CLASS OF '61, I was in the throne for the us civil war obsession. An obsession that didn't diminish with time, I can add. There is a possibility that because of this obsession, I was able to view CLASS OF '61 through rose-colored glasses when I first saw it. Don't get me wrong. I still managed to enjoy it. But because of sand time, I finally noticed the shortcomings. Class '61 has many virtues. Her greatest virtue seemed to be be the majority. The television pilot featured many young players who eventually became well-known or major stars. Dan Futterman, a brilliant character actor in his own right and a two-time Academy Award-nominated screenwriter, gave a challenging performance as Shelby Peyton. Clive Owen, who became a bigger star, gave an emotional performance as Devlin O'Neil, an Irish immigrant torn between his friendship with Peyton and his family's patriotism toward his new country. Andre Braugher was already somewhat known for his performance in the 1989 film GLORY when he shot this pilot. He eventually became a major television star and received numerous nominations and won two Emmys for his work. Frankly, I thought he gave the best results of the production as an incarnated Virginia slave whose initial attempt to escape slavery would lead him to be without his wife and mother for several years. The television film also featured solid performances from Josh Lucas (as George C. Custer) Dana Ivey, Penny Johnson, Sue-Ann Leeds (as Rose O'Neal Greenhow), Barry Cullison, Peter Murnik, Timothy Scott, Stephen Root, Christien Anholt and Andrew Stahl. However, I think it was better to support the results. One came from Sophie Ward, who gave a poignant performance as Devlin's sister Shannon. Beverly Todd was brilliant as Lucius' pragmatic mother. Next came from future star Laura Linney, who portrayed the charming and charismatic Lily Magraw. Mark Pelligrino gave a very interesting performance as a fellow cadet from South Carolina named Skinner, especially in a scene in which the character provided off-putting instructions on how to breed healthy slaves into peytons discomfort. Robert Newman gave a clever performance as one of the main characters of the West Point instructors who become the Union artillery officer, Captain Wykoff. Len Cariou was effective as Shelby's warm and intelligent father, Dr. Leland Peyton. Lorraine Toussaint shone brilliantly in her short role as a slave woman named Sarah, who accompanied her mistress on a southern train, as well as conveying Shelby's encounter on a southern train from New York. Niall O'Brien gave a very challenging performance as

Devlin and Shannon's emotionally patriotic father, James O'Neil. Class OF '61 production values struck me as solid, but not particularly top notch. While the film's setting stretched from West Point, New York to peyton plantation at Richmond, Virginia; It was easy for me to see that the television movie was set in South Carolina and Georgia. . South. I've noticed that many of these works with Antebellum or civil war setting are shot in deep southern states, even as stories are set in the Upper South. Has the Upper South been created too widely to serve as places for such films? Find Michael T. Boyd costumes for female characters very attractive and almost accurate. However, I thought that the men's costumes looked as if they had come straight from a costume warehouse in Hollywood. Recently, I came across to face an old review class of '61. A New York Times reviewer seemed to dismiss the production as a nostalgic television movie with a failed plot. He seemed unaware that the film was basically a pilot for a possible television series. When I first saw the movie, I knew it was basically a pilot. That's why I'm not that surprised that it ended the Bull Run battle without any plot lines being resolved. As for the 61th grade is nostalgic . . . I am not sure about this criticism. John McCord's narrative seemed to be a straight forward blend of insight into how Americans behaved and spoke during this tumultuous period in 19th-century American history and a somewhat critical look at their society. And I found my portrayal of the Bull Run battle quite interesting and detailed. But the television film featured a number more criticism of Northern racism and the Abraham Lincoln administration. Shelby's encounter with the abolition of a Maryland woman and her enslaved maid led to the latter's soliloquy about the racism she faced in New York. And another scene featured Devlin revealing his family's troubles lily magraw and Rose Greenhow - i.e. brother Terry's imprisonment inside Baltimore's Fort McHenry and how this led to his inability to be assigned to the Army Regiment. I must admit that I found it strange that McCord seemed to focus so much on the shortcomings of the northern public and the Lincoln administration. . . . and not because of the shortcomings of Confederate President Jefferson Davis's administration. Eventually, the state of Virginia lost its northwest counties over a three-month period between Fort Sumter and Bull Run because its citizens escaped from the state. Given that the Shelby family lived in Virginia, I found it quite strange that the West Virginia break from the state was never mentioned. On the other hand, the series focused on slavery. While the Peyton family was portrayed as a kind slave owner who almost treated them as slaves as a family, the film still managed to portray their role in slavery as something doomed – especially through Lucius's bitterness over being a slave, a patronizing way of Dr. Peyton's goodness and Shelby's inability to understand Lucius' desire for freedom or lack of faith in the latter's ability to survive as a free man. I've noticed in many other works about slavery during the Antebellum period or the Civil War, slave owners are either portrayed as kind or cruel. . . . Unequivocally. I have fed McCord for his ambiguous portrayal of Shelby and his family, according to Theme. Were aspects of CLASS of '61 that troubled me? Well... So. There were a few things. When Devlin was first introduced to Rose Greenhow for her soirée, the latter revealed that she knew a lot about him - including where his family lived and his ranking among the West Point class of '61. I'm sorry, but I had a hard time swallowing. Is this McCord's idea of handing Ms. Greenhow greatness as a spy? Why on earth did she bother to collect so much information about the recent West Point graduate who occupied the middle of her class? Seriously? Also in the film, mr. O'Neil accused visiting Shelby of joining a volunteer regiment called The Palmetto Guards. Earlier in the production, a cadet named Upton accused South Carolinian Skinner of doing the same thing immediately after the Sumter news was announced. So I checked online and discovered that palmetto guards were one of the 2 South Carolina infantry nicknames. I could understand Skinner is being considered by this regiment. But why does Mr. O'Neil accuse Shelby, of Virginia, of joining him? Not surprisingly, the 61 classes failed to pick up as a series. But imagine, to my surprise discovering that McCord added a short epilogue to reveal the fates of the characters. He must be very bitter over the pilot's fate because he made some kind of Scorch Earth policy for characters. Only three or four of them survived the war. and one of them was George Armstrong Custer. Worse still, two of his characters died in a way that was historically impossible. Ironically, my biggest problem with class of '61 turned out to be Shelby and Lucius' friendship. Now I understand that humans are ambiguous creatures. And I also know that some complex friendships or relationships could have formed between slaves and owners – especially relationships that began in childhood like Shelby and Lucius. But there were aspects of the couple's friendship that struck me as unrealistic. I found it unrealistic for Lucius to honestly express his bitterness over being a slave to Shelby, of all people. I also found it unrealistic that Lucius would tell Shelby about his fatal encounter with those slave catchers. The film never portrayed Shelby as someone with a pro-abolitionist leaning. And while he was friendly and familiar with his father's slaves, he also shared Dr. Peyton's patronizing approach. It just seemed unnatural that Shelby would react with nothing more than just surprise after Lucius was confessed to killing two slave traps. I don't care how he was with Lucius or other Peyton slaves. He still harbored quite a few of his public casual racism and I couldn't see him allowing Lucius to leave the plantation after that confession. Even after twenty-six years, I still managed to enjoy class of '61, despite the fact that flawed, the television movie managed to be fun and enjoy looking at American society during the first three months of the U.S. Civil War. I thought John McCord provided a fun but inconclusive plot that showcased the first-rate cast starring Dan Futterman and Clive Owen. It's a pity that this pilot never became a series. 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