

COFFEE AND CIGARETTES

USA/JAPAN/ITALY, 95min, 2003

COFFEE AND CIGARETTES is a series of short films disguised as a feature (or maybe vice versa). Each sequence involves several characters just sitting around, drinking coffee, smoking cigarettes and discussing subjects as diverse as caffeine popsicles, Abbott & Costello, Elvis conspiracy theories, the proper preparation of English tea, the inventions of Nikola Tesla, the fictitious rock band SQÜRL, Paris in the twenties, and the use of nicotine as an insecticide...The cast is an extremely eclectic group of extraordinary actors and musicians portraying an equally eclectic collection of oddballs, with sequences strikingly photographed in BLACK (coffee) and WHITE (cigarettes) by Frederick Elmes, Robby Müller, Ellen Kuras and Tom DiCillo.

---Jim Jarmusch

COFFEE & CIGARETTES CAST

(in order of appearance)

ROBERTO BENIGNI, STEVEN WRIGHT, JOIE LEE, CINQUÉ LEE, STEVE BUSCEMI, IGGY POP, TOM WAITS, JOE RIGANO, VINNY VELLA, VINNY VELLA JR., RENÉE FRENCH, E.J. RODRIGUEZ, ALEX DESCAS, ISAACH DE BANKOLÉ, CATE BLANCHETT, MEG WHITE, JACK WHITE, ALFRED MOLINA, STEVE COOGAN, GZA, RZA, BILL MURRAY, BILL RICE, TAYLOR MEAD

“The beauty of quitting is, now that I've quit, I can have one, 'cause I've quit.”