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Paramount Famous Productions

Josh Duhamel and Katie Holmes in "The Romantics."

Could any role Katie Holmes ever takes on be more challenging than the part she currently plays as Tom Cruise's wife? Whether he's jumping on couches, cane dancing with Jennifer Lopez, or taking hits from critics for the likes of movies such as "Knight and Day," Holmes must maintain appearances with a brave face, a sweet smile, and designer duds. Give the lady an Oscar already.

Still, Holmes does have an acting day job to keep up. With a title like "The Romantics," it sure sounds like Holmes's new movie is a lock for the date night set. Then again, "Bright Star," a pretty good biopic about actual Romantic poet John Keats, did almost zero business.

Holmes plays Laura, who is the maid of honor to her best friend Lila (Anna Paquin). The complication: the two women have both feelings for the groom, Tom (Josh Duhamel). If this hasn't been the plot of a Katherine Heigl or Jennifer Aniston movie yet, I'm sure it soon will be.

The movie was directed by Galt Niederhoffer, based on her novel. The movie, co-starring Elijah Wood, Malin Akerman, and Dianna Agron, opens in New York and Los Angeles on September 10.

Is it still possible to believe Holmes in any role beyond the one she plays as Cruise's significant other? Take a look at the trailer and leave your thoughts in the comments.

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