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ALONG FOR THE RIDE

This is an impressively moving indie film, about two estranged brothers who reunite on a journey to retrieve and bury their long-absent, would-be baseball big leaguer father. He expired unheralded in a small, dusty Mexican town, only to be frozen by his saintly woman friend (surreally played by Jenny Gago). Dylan Haggerty and Randall Batinkoff as the brothers relive in dreams, hallucinations and fights their youth of missed warmth and acceptance. J. E. Freeman is superb as frozen Dad, transported in the back seat their convertible, returning symbolically to present his life philosophy: that pursuing your personal dream must come ahead of responsibility to anyone, even children or deceased wife. Shot in 13 days in 100+ degree heat for a frugal \$150 thousand, director Bryan W. Simon is to be congratulated, as is producer Jim Moores, who adapted the screenplay from Randall Wheatley's award-winning Hollywood play. Plays Saturday, Sunday, and Monday (President's Day), at Laemmle's Sunset 5, 8000 Sunset Blvd., W. Hollywood. \$7. (323) 848-3500. (Joseph Sirota)