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**HOT PICKS** (For broadcast August 11th, 2006)

**EDMOND**

"FOUR STARS (Highest Rating).

A stunning shocker, a post-modern film noir masterpiece, guaranteed to stick in your head long after you've left the theatre. Not since Scorsese's TAXI DRIVER have we seen such an unflinching portrait of the bitter and disenfranchised white urban male, where desire and desperation are two sides of the same coin. Actually, in its sheer visceral impact, EDMOND is arguably superior to Scorsese's film. This is William H. Macy's finest performance, David Mamet's best screenplay, and director Stuart Gordon's greatest achievement. It'll knock the wind right out of you, and is sure to be wildly controversial. The casting is flawless; in small but indelible roles, Joe Mantegna, Bai Ling, Denise Richards, Julia Stiles, Mena Suvari, Rebecca Pidgeon, Lionel Mark Smith, George Wendt, Patricia Belcher, and Bokeem Woodbine are superb. In a perfect world, Macy, Mamet, and Gordon would win Oscars for their work here. I realize it's only August, but this is unquestionably one of the Top Ten Best Films of 2006."

--- *Todd David Schwartz, CBS*