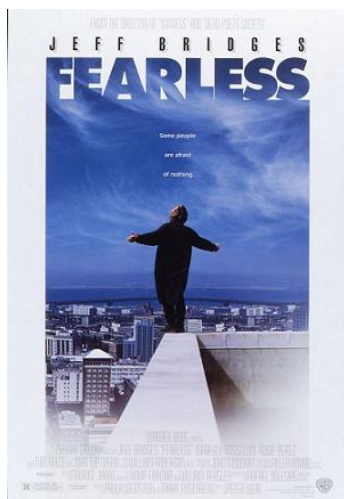


Mark Whelan's Movie Picks

Fearless (1993) Director: Peter Weir. 122m Rated R



Masterfully told in the adept hands of Peter Weir, **Fearless** is a shattering account of emotionally distressed people lead by a quietly imposing Jeff Bridges.

Disconnected and lethargic, Bridges finds consolation in fellow plane crash survivor Rosie Perez (in an Oscar-nominated performance), at the expense of his wife (Isabella Rossellini) and child. This character study progresses gracefully and unusually as Bridges explores the fragile nature of his mortality and comes to terms with his own doubts and disillusionment.



Weir's evocative and mesmerizing methodology to his characters' inner journeys does not rob the film of raw sentiment or soften the dramatic impression it invokes. The final result is a unique and enduring experience of an underestimated and seldom discussed outing from its director.

--Mark Whelan, September 19th, 2014