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MEAN GIRLS, the very witty, very charming high schoolset comedy starring Lindsay Lohan, is practically a Petri dish for today's current crop of entertainers.

In the seven years since the film's release, Lohan has hit a few more chutes than ladders while her young co-stars. a cast of then-relative unknowns, have had careers that have blossomed. Film co-stars Rachel McAdams and Amanda Seyfried practically have the market cornered when it comes to roles for adorable young women.

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Lindsay Lohan, second from left, stars as Cady Hero in the charming comedy, 'Mean Girls,' playing this weekend at Alamo Drafthouse Cinema-Mason Park. Other stars of this high school-set movie include Rachel McAdams, Amanda Seyfried and Lacey Chabert.

MEAN GIRLS, for those who may have not seen the film perhaps out of some misinformed fear that the movie was of the usual air-headed high school comedy variety - stars Lohan as Cady Heron, a teenage girl who has to transition from a life of homeschooling into the cutthroat world of high school girls whose extensive credit card bills are rivaled only by the lengthy list of classmates they've backstabbed and snubbed to social death.

Cady's parents are played by Neil Flynn (the janitor from SCRUBS!) and SNL-veteran Ana Gasteyer. Gasteyer is just the first of many ties MEAN GIRLS shares with SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE. Former SNL head writer and

current star of 30 ROCK Tina Fey adapted the script from a non-fiction book titled "Queen Bees and Wannabes" by Rosalind Wiseman. Fey also appears in the movie as Cady's exasperated teacher - and, naturally, gave herself some of the film's best lines. SNL creator Lorne Michaels produced the film. Other SNL cast members that pop up in the film include Amy Poehler and Tim Meadows.

It's the film's young cast where the movie really shines, though. Besides Lohan, MEAN GIRLS featured future Hollywood stars Rachel McAdams and Amanda Seyfried. Lacey Chabert, the third member of MEAN GIRLS' vile gang of perfectly manicured and well-dressed bullies, may not currently have the spotlight her fellow Plastics are experiencing but she will always be the littlest Party of Fiver so she has that going for her. Plus, she was the original voice of Meg Griffin in FAMILY GUY before being replaced by Mila Kunis.

If you enjoy the highly quotable wit of 30 ROCK, remember the bright shining days where Lindsay Lohan seemed destined for greatness and have a high tolerance for early '00s pop songs, it's time you rewatch MEAN GIRLS.

But why watch it at home alone with a bowl of microwave popcorn? That's something the Plastics would tear you apart for if they found out. Instead, come to the Alamo Drafthouse and watch the film with a theater full of fellow movie fans!