

“CALIFORNIA TYPEWRITER” MOVIE REVIEW...

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Apologies to the Mama's & Papa's for "stealing/borrowing" some of their lyrics.

Now sing along to their song...you all know the song---

I think we should change the name of the movie to:

CALIFORNIA “TYPEWRITER” DREAMIN’

**All the Facit keys are brown (Facit keys are brown)
And the Royal QDL body is grey (and the Royal QDL body
is grey)**

**I've been for a walk (been for a walk)
On a winter's day (on a winter's day)
I'd be safe and warm (safe and warm)
If I was in L.A. (if I was in L.A.)**

**California “Typewriter” dreamin' (California dreamin')
On such a movie preview day**

**Stopped into a movie theatre
I passed along the way**

**Well, I got down on my knees (got down on my knees)
And I pretend to type (I pretend to type)**

**You know the preacher Tom Hanks likes his typers
(preacher likes his typers)**

He knows what I'm gonna say (what I'm gonna say)

**California “typewriter” dreamin' (California dreamin')
On such a wonderful day**

FIVE **stars for the movie. Long live typewriters!***

CALIFORNIA TYPEWRITER the movie



Above: Tom Hanks



Above: The late Sam Shepard



Above: John Mayer



Above: Typewriter Art by Jeremy Mayer

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California Typewriter, starring Tom Hanks, John Mayer, David McCullough, the late Sam Shepard, Martin Howard, Richard Polt, and many of my dear collector friends is just a delight to enjoy, and thanks to Director/Producer Doug Nichol for taking up the project.

The plot of this documentary (if there is one) revolves around a Typewriter store (California Business Machines) located in Berkeley, CA. It portrays their struggles with trying to keep their business open in a changing (digital) world. Having been in business for many years and having weathered many “storms” before, this time seems different. But, the good news is that TYPEWRITERS are making a comeback, and that is helping this small family-owned business to once again “weather the storm.”

One reason Typewriters are making a comeback is because folks are re-discovering analog, especially young folks. Some who have never even seen a typewriter in their life-time.

Because of this typewriter resurgence machines are now being made into art (Jeremy Mayer) and even keys are turned into jewelry (frowned upon by collectors) and made to produce music (Boston Typewriter Orchestra).

Additionally, “pop-up” street poets, type-ins, writers and collector enthusiast meetings are all on the rise. The film starts and ends with an “experiment” to throw a typewriter from a window of a moving car.

This film, and Tom Hanks’ notoriety is sure to keep typewriters trending upward. THIS MOVIE IS A MUST SEE!

According to Nancy Sanchez: The film will be released on VOD, DVD, and Blu-ray on November 21st 2017.