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# The Shape of Water – Review

From master storyteller, Guillermo del Toro, "The Shape of Water"- an other-worldly fairy tale, set against the **backdrop** of Cold War era America circa 1962. In the hidden high-security government laboratory where she works, lonely Elisa (Sally Hawkins) is trapped in a life of isolation. Elisa's life is changed forever when she and co-worker Zelda (Octavia Spencer) discover a secret classified experiment. The Shape of Water"



is del Toro's finest film, a lovely, **empathetic** tribute to Old Hollywood, monster movies, outsiders and love that could only come from the mind of the visionary **filmmaker**.

This visually **ravishing** fantasy romance almost drowns in its own gorgeousness. It is a **Beauty** and the **Beast** fable where both get to be beautiful and neither has to be beastly. The two of them are part of a world that Del Toro has dreamed into existence with authority, confidence



and **miraculous** detail. His signature is unmistakable, and this is a film that insists on its own cinephilia: it is set partly in a flat positioned over a magnificent but sadly almost empty movie theatre. Floods from the bathroom come dripping down on the baffled, indignant customers below.

"The Shape of Water" is a lot of things: the romance of cinema; the **hopefulness** of love;

the **struggle** to feel whole, valid, and less lonely; the courage to fight for what's right and good in this stupid, terrible, ugly world. Del Toro conducts it like a symphony, and his work is touching and compassionate in ways that will surprise viewers. Rare is the film that gets under your skin in both a **disconcerting** and gently warming way, but this is exactly the trick that "The Shape of Water" manages. It's a film that only del Toro could have made.



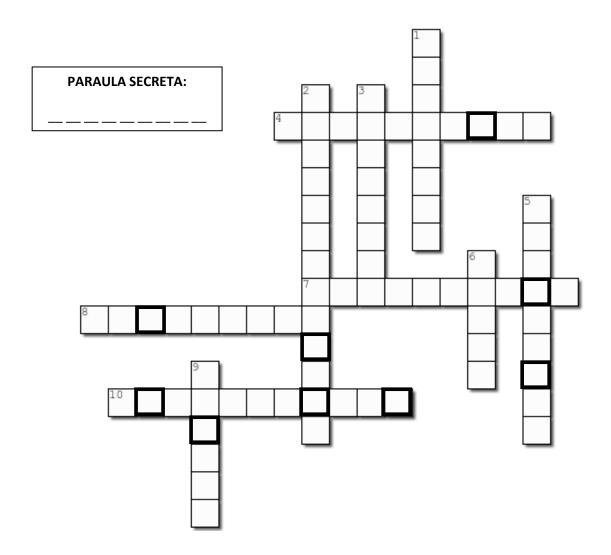




# The Shape of Water – Crossword

## **GUANYA 2 ENTRADES GRATUÏTES AMB L'AJUNTAMENT DE SANT CELONI I CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL**

- 1) Completa els mots encreuats amb el vocabulari de la crítica.
- 2) Reuneix les lletres de les caselles en negreta i forma la paraula secreta.
- **3) Sigues el 1er en publicar la paraula al Facebook** de Cambridge School <u>www.facebook.com/CambridgeSchoolPage</u> i guanyaràs 2 entrades per a una pel·lícula en VO al cinema OCINE de l'Altrium Sant Celoni (a recollir al cinema).



## **ACROSS**

- 4. Extremely lucky and unexpected
- **7.** able to understand how someone feels because you can imagine what it is like to be them
- **8.** a film director, especially an independent director who has full control over the films he or she makes
- **10.** Believing that something will happen the way you want it to

## **DOWN**

- **1.** an attempt to do something that takes a lot of effort over a period of time
- 2. making you feel worried, confused, or surprised
- **3.** everything that you can see behind the main thing you are looking at
- 5. Very beautiful
- 6. an animal, especially a dangerous or strange one
- 9. a beautiful woman

