



## **Appeals Board Upholds R Rating for *The Reliant***

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LOS ANGELES — Today, the Classification and Rating Appeals Board upheld the R rating for *The Reliant*. *The Reliant* is rated R for some violence.

Dr. J.P. Johnston, writer and producer of the film, and Daniel Johnston, the film’s set design assistant, represented the appellant The Y Movie, LLC. Joan Graves, Chairman of CARA, and Kelly McMahon, Deputy Chair of CARA, represented the rating board.

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### **About the Appeals process:**

The Classification and Rating Appeals Board is made up of members of the industry knowledgeable about the distribution and exhibition of motion pictures and whose sole mission is to maintain the integrity of the voluntary ratings system. A successful appeal requires a decisive two-thirds majority affirming that the rating is “clearly erroneous.” The overriding objective of the appeals process is to ensure that the rating system remains consistent and therefore credible. The Board reviews 800-900 films each year. Usually fewer than a dozen ratings a year are appealed.

For more information about the CARA Appeals process, please visit [www.filmratings.com](http://www.filmratings.com) and click on “Ratings” and the “Rating Rules” tab.

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