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# Stuck on you

Tim Burton and Johnny Depp have a successful screen marriage, but Andrew Collins would prefer it if they saw other people a bit more

- 1 Tim Burton loves Johnny Depp. “Johnny is like a character actor in a leading man’s body,” he once gushed. “He could do it all.” Johnny Depp loves Tim Burton, too. “My life is my life because of Tim,” he once declared. As you can see, they are really mad about each other.



- 2 They have a working director-actor relationship that Depp likens to “emotional shorthand”. It’s said that when they work together on a film, which happens quite often, and Burton is giving his pet actor directions, the crew can’t actually understand what they’re saying to each other.
- 3 Don’t get me wrong, I like Johnny Depp, and I like Tim Burton – who wouldn’t? One’s a singularly charismatic and courageous actor, the other a visionary and entertaining film-maker. But am I the only person who’s getting a bit bored with their inseparable-lovers act?
- 4 Their first film together was **Edward Scissorhands**, the suburban-gothic fantasy based on a character Burton had drawn as a child. Depp brought that sketch to life, and the two became cinematically joined at the hip. They’ve since made five films together: **Ed Wood**; **Sleepy Hollow**; **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**; the animated **Corpse Bride** (Depp provided the lead character’s voice); and **Sweeney Todd**.
- 5 Burton’s “reimagining” of **Planet of the Apes** felt odd without Depp in the main role – it went to the slightly dull Mark Wahlberg, so perhaps Burton needed a less showy actor for fear of upstaging the simians.
- 6 The film was a disappointment, so maybe Burton needs Depp to find his mojo. This doesn’t work the other way, as Depp has been wildly successful in the **Pirates of the Caribbean** films under director Gore Verbinski and has worked a few times with Terry Gilliam. He’s quite promiscuous, in fact.
- 7 When Burton’s weird and wonderful project **Alice in Wonderland** was announced for 2010, it was with some relief that I realised Depp couldn’t take the title role. But guess what? He’s playing the Mad Hatter. And after that, Burton plans to make **Dark Shadows**, a vampire story . . . starring Johnny Depp. Don’t tell Johnny, but for an imaginative director, Tim Burton rather lacks imagination.

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Zo nee, antwoord "Nee". Zo ja, noteer het nummer van de alinea waarin dit wordt gedaan.