

## A2650 ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (USA, 2007)

**Credits:** director, Julie Taymor ; writers, Dick Clement, Ian La Frenais.

**Cast:** Evan Rachel Wood, Jim Sturgess, Joe Anderson, Dana Fuchs, Martin Luther, T.V. Carpio, Bono, Eddie Izzard.

**Summary:** Musical/love story set across the decade of the 1960s to Beatles tunes (whose songs also provide the film's title and the names of the main characters). The action moves from the dockyards of Liverpool to a psychedelic Greenwich Village and from the riot-torn streets of Detroit to the killing fields of Vietnam. An English shipyard worker and aspiring painter named Jude (Sturgess) travels to Princeton, N.J. to find his unwitting father (an American GI stationed in England during World War II). There Jude finds his father is not who he expected, but he is befriended by free-spirited student Max (Anderson). On a Thanksgiving visit to Max's New Jersey home, Jude falls for Max's teenage sister Lucy (Wood). Shortly thereafter Lucy's boyfriend is killed in Vietnam. When Max is drafted to fight in Vietnam, Lucy and Jude are swept up into the emerging anti-war and counterculture movements in Greenwich Village, with 'Dr. Robert' (Bono) and 'Mr. Kite' (Izzard) as their guides. Jude produces posters for the movement and his musician friends, but his jealousy over Lucy's deepening involvement with the anti-war movement's leader separates the lovers and he is deported after being arrested in an anti-war demonstration. Ultimately, Lucy becomes disillusioned with the violent tendencies of other activists. When Jude reads of anti-war bomb makers killed in an accidental explosion in New York, he decides to return to find Lucy. With the aid of Max, returned from Vietnam sobered by his experience, and their musician friends, Jude and Lucy are reunited.

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