mainlymovies' Best of '06: Production Design



No, this is the post-millennial angst dome

Jim Clay and Geoffrey Kirkland (Children of Men)

Easily the year's most ambitiously designed picture, a gobsmackingly detailed panorama of social collapse circa 2029, wowing us on a huge scale with the bombed-out hell of its immigrant zone, but also on a tiny one, with the keepsake minutiae in Michael Caine's hippie hideout.

Teresa Mastropierro (Forty Shades of Blue)

Not the first thing you might single out for celebration in this beautifully acted character piece, but I found the sets — from Torn and Korzun's chilly, MC Escher-like Memphis pad, to the dilapidated manse where they attend a garden party as the relationship's crumbling — astonishingly apt and memorably furnished.