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Admirably offbeat and blackly comic crime caper come road movie. Jack is a good looking but unlucky car mechanic who is forced to be a courier of illegal 'medical supplies' in order to pay off his debts to two gangsters. However, if the trip were not risky enough, he is saddled with the baggage of a spoiled rich young woman who is desperate to escape the clutches of her domineering mother. Set in both Hamburg and Helsinki, this is a really good European genre movie with some delightfully wacky characters. In all, *Highway Society* is something of a triumph for Finnish director Mika Kaurismäki whose last film was *LA Without a Map*. *Adrian Wootton*.

Dir Mika Kaurismäki / Scr Paul Charles Bailly, Mika Kaurismäki, Beate Langmaack, / with Kai Wiesinger, Marie Ziekke, Hannes Hellman / Germany-Finland 1998 / 92 mins