

Short Review: “Highlander II: The Quickening” (1991) by Dr. John L. Flynn



Highlander II: The Quickening (1991), Columbia TriStar, color, 91 min. Director: Russell Mulcahy. Writers: Gregory Widen, Brian Clemens, etc. Producers: Peter Davis, Jean-Luc Defait, etc. Cast: Sean Connery, Virginia Madsen, Christopher Lambert, and Michael Ironside. In 2025 New York, the ozone is depleted, but Macleod (Lambert) has designed a shield to protect us all, but in implementing the shield, he has also doomed all of mankind to live in a dystopian world of darkness. Not long after, Macleod (Lambert) and his Spanish swordmaster (Connery) learns that they are really extraterrestrials, exiled to Earth many years before by General Katana (Ironside). Katana decides to come to Earth and wreak havoc on us all. Macleod is helped by the lusty environmental activist/commando Louise Marcus (Madsen). Don't miss Connery getting a custom-made suit in the 20th century, or Ironside tipping a cabdriver. Oh, yes, all of these villains are over-the-top, but Clancy Brown seemed a bit more animated.

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