

Short Review: “The Creature Wasn’t Nice” (1981) by Dr. John L. Flynn



The Creature Wasn’t Nice (aka *Spaceship*) (1981). Creature Feature Productions, 88 min. Director and Screenwriter: Bruce Kimmel. Producer: Mark Haggard. Cast: Cindy Williams, Bruce Kimmel, Leslie Nielsen, Gerrit Graham, Patrick MacNee and Ron Kurowski.

A good-natured parody of “Alien,” this film attempts to pay homage to the traditions of science fiction and horror with the same scattershot humor of “Airplane!” (1980). The loony crew of *Spaceship*, led by stalwart captain Nielsen (poking fun at this role in “Forbidden Planet,” 1956) and mad doctor MacNee take aboard an alien life-form that quickly transmutes into a monster (Kurowski). MacNee attempts to control the creature with his highly-advanced computer; but the alien breaks away and begins performing a song-and-dance number entitled “I Want to Eat Your Face” moments before eating the doctor’s face. Cindy Williams, as the token female member of the crew, tracks the monster through the claustrophobic interiors of her ship, and eventually confronts it.

Predictably, all the creature wants to do is make love to Williams, and what creature wouldn't! Writer-director Bruce Kimmel attempts to work miracles with his limited budget, and some of the time the humor actually works.

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