

## Short Review: “Ghost of Frankenstein” (1942) by Dr. John L. Flynn



**Ghost of Frankenstein** (1942). Universal, b/w, 68 min. Director: Earle C. Kenton. Producer: George Waggner. Screenwriter: W. Scott Darling. Cast: Cedric Hardwicke, Ralph Bellamy, Lionel Atwill, Bela Lugosi, Evelyn Ankers, Lon Chaney Jr. and Dwight Frye.

Frankenstein’s ghost urges his second son, Ludwig (Hardwicke), to continue his life’s work, and despite the fact that everyone presumably perished in the previous film, Ygor (Lugosi) and the monster (Chaney) are still alive and kicking. With a knowledge of science, Ludwig attempts to replace the monster’s defective brain with the brain of a genius. But things get fouled up in the lab, and instead he transplants Ygor’s brain. The monster awakens blind, and thrashing about the laboratory, starts a fire that eventually consumes everyone in the castle. But have no fear: the Frankenstein monster would return in “Frankenstein Meets the Wolfman” (1943). Not a very good entry in the Universal Frankenstein series.

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