



THE BEST DVD RELEASE OF THE FILM!

TRANSFORMERS THE MOVIE - 20TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL EDITION

+/- 5 hours, Rated PG, Sony BMG

Ah...the memories of hearing the Stan Bush "You Got the Touch" song again has brought me back to the day as a young Transformers fan who may have cried when the beloved Autobot leader Optimus Prime died before our eyes.

It is the 20th Anniversary of the Transformers Movie and a new DVD release, this time courtesy of Sony/BMG.

The animated film which we saw many of our beloved Autobots get massacred by the Decepticons and watching it again, you sometimes wonder...if it was so easy for the Decepti-

cons in the film to kill of an Autobot, why didn't it happen in the TV series?

The film is literally the battle between the Autobots and Decepticons and the menacing force of Unicron, a planet who wants to destroy the Autobots and devour planets. But with the former Autobot leader, Optimus Prime dead, who will resume the mantle of leader of the Autobots?

The film is definitely a treasure chest of interesting information. Not only did it feature an all star cast of voice talent by Petter Cullen, Frank Welker, Eric Idle, Judd Nelson, Robert Stack, Casey Kasem and Leonard Nimoy but also the possible final acting performances by Orson Welles and Scatman Crothers.

But enough of the pondering, this is all about the DVD and all I can say is that this version blows away the pre-

vious incarnation out of the planet. Featuring 2-discs with each disc containing the theatrical 16x9 wide screen and the other with the full screen version. The discs also come with special features galore.

Included are the Autobot Matrix of Knowledge, Commentary with Nelson Shin (Director), Flint Dille (Story Consultant) and Sue Blue (Voice of Arcee), Fan commentary, Original theatrical and TV spots, Cinex and Credit test, photo gallery, Scramble City episode (Japanese version) with commentary, remastering comparison, Transformers 2007 movie trailer and sneak peak, Activate Autobot City trivia, featurettes, promo trailer with commentary, test, deleted/alternative footage, animated storyboards, US and Japanese commercials, Scramble city commercials and easter eggs on both DVD's. Can I say...jam packed enough?

I can't say enough about how awesome this DVD release is. If you owned the previous Rhino release which was bare bones, you will notice that the 20th Anniversary restoration makes a big difference. Also, the addition of English 5.1 Dolby Digital is definitely pleasant.

As a major Transformers fan and one who has not seen the film since the early 90's (and let alone watching the new incarnations of Transformers ala Cybertron and seeing Optimus Prime back), it was a jump back to the past and I am amazed of how many of those old characters that I enjoyed (and owned the toys of) were there. From Bumblebee to Soundwave, this DVD brought back memories.

If you are a Transformers fan and have watched this film once before, you owe it to yourself to check it out again. This 20th Anniversary release is worth purchasing for all it comes with. Highly recommended!

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