

Outland science-fiction blockbuster

Movie review

by Terry Dupuis

Outland is the latest science-fiction blockbuster to reach the screen. Every summer now, moviegoers seem to be presented with one high-quality and intelligent sci-fi film, amidst all the shabby productions and obvious cash-ins.

In past years we have had Star Wars, Close Encounters, Alien and The Empire Strikes Back. This summer's entry in the science-fiction sweepstakes is Outland, and it shows evidence of attaining the success at the box-office which its predecessors enjoyed.

Outland is set in the not-too-distant future in a mining colony on one of the volcanic moons of Jupiter. Here a conglomerate company from Earth has set up one of its profitable mining

operations. According to international law, a Federal Marshall and a small group of deputies must be present in each colony to keep law and order.

Sean Connery portrays the new Marshall who arrives at the mining colony, and finds that there are some sinister and strange things going on. Every once in a while one of the mining workers goes berserk and kills himself. Connery is assured by the colony's overseer and others that the suicides are not unusual. They say it's a form of moon madness which occurs from time to time. But the suicides seem to have been occurring with much more frequency in recent months and Connery investigates.

What he finds out should not be revealed

in a review, but I will reveal that the outcome of the marshall's investigation is that some "hired guns" are sent out to the colony on a space shuttle to eliminate him because of what he has learned.

If this plot sounds a little like a western, this is no coincidence. Outland is in fact a clever transposing of a familiar western plot to an outer space setting. It has been called "a sort of science-fiction High Noon", and killers were coming to town by train to get him, and he ended up having to face them alone. His deputies and the townspeople, through cowardice or not wanting to get involved or personal reasons, will not help him.

In Outland we are presented with a similar plot. The small western town is

now a mining community in outer space. The hired guns are arriving not by train but by space shuttle. And the marshall played by Connery has to face his adversaries alone, like Cooper did in High Noon.

This new film works amazingly well, aided to a large degree by Connery's earnest performance as the marshall and by Peter Boyle's villainous boss of the colony. The sets and art direction also aid immeasurably, as do some superb special effects.

But Outland is no imitation Star Wars. There are no charming robots, ray guns or lazer swords to be found in Outland. Instead the film is a realistic and gritty depiction of what a mining colony in outer space would probably look like.

Travel news, views



by Carol Crawford

Registrations are now being taken by most Companies for Christmas and March Break space.

This can work very well for you. By registering now you will have first chance for space availability and then, when prices and dates are confirmed you either pay the additional amount due to cover your deposit or if you decide not to take the holiday your registration fee is refundable.

The Sun Princess for Christmas is already sold out by pre-registration, so don't wait register for your favourite destination now.

Specials

Treasure Tours is now offering charters to Calgary on Mondays July 13 to Aug. 31 for \$199.

But, please note these flights must be booked and paid in full by June 30.

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Making plans for Christmas, March break trips

at \$232 and the flights are now Daytime, departing from Toronto at 10 a.m. on Saturdays July 11th to Sept. 12.

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Meal Talk

(EP) European Plan - This refers to hotel

accommodation that has no meals included in the room rate.

(AP) American Plan or Full Board - These terms refer to hotel accommodation inclusive of a full breakfast, lunch and dinner in the room rate. It is worth noting that many hotels will supply, on request usually the night before, a substitute box lunch enabling their guests to go for a day's sightseeing without the need for an additional outlay under these plans.

(MAP) Modified American Plan or Half Board - These terms refer to hotel accommodation which includes a full breakfast and either lunch or dinner in the room rate. Half Board nearly always refers to full breakfast and dinner though there are exceptions.

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The \$40 per person reduction applies to one and two week departures and to children's rates.

Midland novices blast Barrie

by Dave Chalmers

On the road again for a game in Barrie Tuesday evening, the A.E. LePage Novice Lacrosse team overwhelmed the Barrie squad 16-0.

Shawn Desjardins collected the seasons first shut-out as Midland's netminder.

The A.E. LePage team opened the scoring just 90 seconds into the game when David Chalmers fired his first goal of a three goal period.

Mike Waltenbury and Shane Nichols scored singles during the opening period as Jesse Perrault, John Brophy, Shane Asselin and Shane Nichols picked up assists on the scoring thrust.

A.E. LePage added seven more goals during the second period with Mike Waltenbury completing his hat-trick by adding a pair of goals, as did Jesse Perrault.

Steve Graham and Shane Nichols added solo scores and John

Soccer club tag day

Midland Huronia Soccer Club has been given the green light to hold a tag day in Midland on Saturday, July 4.

The club has been invited to West Berlin by the B.I.C. Berlin Soccer Club to play in October.

In order to do this the club is conducting a number of fund-raising drives. Earlier this month, for instance, it staged a bike-a-thon.

A total of 16 players and management plan to make the October trip.

Brophy, David Chalmers, Jason LeClair and Steve Graham bagged assists. Midland tapered their attack during the third period and scored four goals to complete the one sided match.

Shane Nichols

completed his hat trick with a single marker during the period and David Chalmers finished a strong five goal night with a single tally and two assists. Chris Walser scored once and picked up one assist in this period.

Mike Waltenbury set-up Jamie Peden for the final score of the game. The A.E. LePage Novice Lacrosse team will visit Orillia Thursday evening for their first encounter with that team for this season.

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