

JURASSIC SEQUEL 65 MILLION YEARS IN THE MAKING

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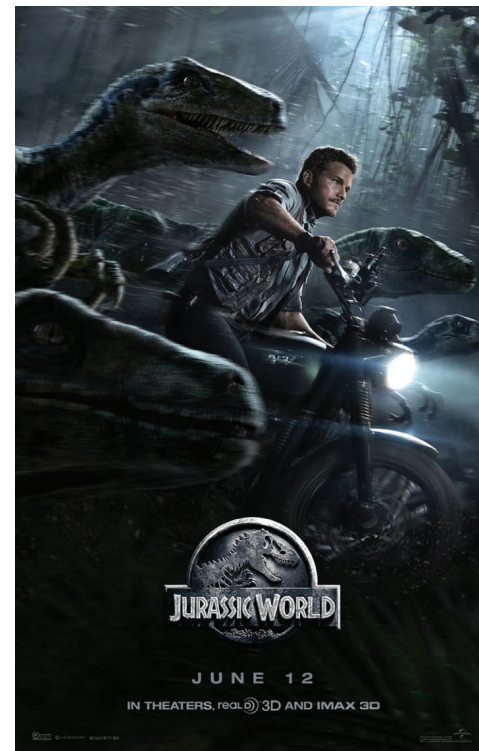
I can remember that time in my childhood when I was obsessed with dinosaurs and stomped around the neighborhood roaring like a Tyrannosaurus Rex much to the ire of my parents. This childhood awe was captured with the debut of the original Jurassic Park in 1993, bringing me back 65 million years to see dinosaurs on the big screen. I will never forget the moment when I saw a living, breathing T-Rex terrorize the visitors of the incomplete amusement park. After watching the trilogy of dino mania, I was beyond excited for a sequel to Jurassic Park III. However, a planned fourth installment that was supposed to release in 2005 entered what is known as “development limbo” where the movie is essentially in a indefinite state of development and never progresses to production; few movies can escape this cycle.

Despite this, Jurassic world released in 2015, and had the biggest U.S opening ever with \$208.8 million according to box-officemojo.com. This surpasses the \$207.4 million Marvel’s The Avenger opening earned in 2012. Jurassic world has now become the third highest grossing movie of all time.

The astounding success was easy to understand upon watching the film. Jurassic World is set 22 years after the original Jurassic park incident on the same island as the first movie that has been operating successfully for 10 years. However, due to

consumer fatigue, Masrani Global, the company in charge of Jurassic world, decides to “up the wow factor” by genetically engineering their own dinosaur to be “bigger, scarier, and have more teeth”. Then, Claire Dearing (Bryce Dallas Howard) asks Owen Grady (Chris Pratt), the resident raptor trainer, to inspect the Indominus Rex paddock to see if it is safe for visitation, all while Dearing’s nephews are on their way to visit her for the weekend at her job at Jurassic World. The Indominus escapes, leading to an all out, hair-raising adventure. The pacing is good, keeping the audience on its toes with the constant series of unfortunate events. The movie has a good blend of humor and horror, with plenty of comic relief to balance out the sheer terror of being hunted by the genetically engineered killing machine. Another thing that makes Jurassic World interesting is the unusual underlying themes that are presented; one of them being the idea of the environment one is raised in having a serious affect on social development.

Despite all the good things, the movie is not without flaw. Militarizing dinosaurs, lack of common sense, and other sins make the movie far from flawless. Despite this, it’s still a very good movie to watch and enjoy, especially for those who love dinosaurs. I have been waiting for what seems like a millennium for this new installment to the series that brought my childhood dreams to life.



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