

Highlander™

INFORMATION

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Highlander

Highlander is a classic tale of Good versus Evil.

Our Hero is Connor Macleod, "born in 1518 in the village of Glenfinnan on the shores of Loch Shiel", played by Christopher Lambert, pronounced "lamb-bear".

Connor and a few others are immortal, in that they can only die by beheading. Three things make this not so unlikely:

- There seems to be a compulsion felt by all immortals -- some more, some less -- that, in the end, only one immortal may remain alive.
- Beheading an immortal gains the victor the "quickenings", and an increase in their power, knowledge, and ability.
- The immortal who survives to the last gains "power beyond imagination", a giant quickening referred to as the Prize.

The film is primarily set in New York City, with major flashbacks to 16th Century Scotland where Connor was befriended and trained in the ways of immortals by Juan Sanchez Villalobos-Ramirez, played by Sean Connery. Connor is trailed by the Kurgan, played by Clancy Brown, an exceedingly strong and evil immortal.

Highlander 2: The Quickening

Considered by most fans as a poor shadow of the original.

Our Hero is again Connor Macleod, with Christopher Lambert reprising the title role. Back also is Sean Connery as Ramirez.

Set in the future, there is a shield about the planet, protecting its inhabitants from the effects of the depleted ozone layer. Several years later, the atmosphere may have healed itself but the Shield Corporation covers it up. Connor endeavors to turn off the shield and restore the Earth, calling upon his old friend, Ramirez.

A hokey bit of science-fiction is thrown in, trying to say that immortals were transported to earth from the planet Zeist. Fans were unconvinced.

Though questionably a failure as a sequel, Highlander 2 does contain several nice scenes -- such as the well-choreographed swordplay in the final fight sequence -- and is worth a look as an action/adventure film.

Highlander 3: The Sorcerer

Principal photography of this third Highlander entry completed in April 1994 and included such varied locations as Toronto, New York, and Japan. The film is currently slated for a Fall 1994 U.S. release. Though the working title was Highlander 3: The Magician, trailers shown at performances of The Crow displayed the title change.

Christopher Lambert returns as Connor Macleod. Sean Connery does not return as Ramirez, nor does Adrian Paul appear as Duncan Macleod.

The latest reports are that Highlander 3: The Sorcerer is set partially in the past, when Connor travelled to Japan 350 years ago to learn the Power of Illusion from an ancient magician. Our Hero's nemesis this time is evil-immortal Kane, played by Mario van Peebles, who confronts Macleod in the hidden cave where he is receiving his final lessons. The mountain is destroyed in the ensuing battle.

and Kane, along with his three henchmen, are buried.

Back in the present day, construction unearths the cavern, releasing Kane who promptly moves to settle the score with Macleod. Complicating matters for Our Hero is investigating archeologist Alexandra Smith, played by Debra Unger, who has Connor recalling feelings he'd hoped were long-forgotten.

It has been reported that Highlander 3 will return to the tone set in the first film. When asked about events raised in the second film, Highlander 3's producers apparently answered "What second film?" Good news for fans.

Highlander: The Series

Our Lad in the series is Duncan Macleod, played by Adrian Paul, a somewhat younger clansman to film-hero Connor. His objective is simple: to stay alive each week.

The series pilot also features Christopher Lambert as Connor Macleod, who it seems has been Duncan's friend and mentor. An evil immortal, Ian Quince played by Richard Moll, lurks nearby, waiting to take a Macleod head. Also near is Richie Ryan, played by Stan Kirsch, a troubled teen with the seed of immortality within him who accidentally witnesses the battle. Connor bids Duncan to watch over Richie.

Among the changing list of regular players are:

- Alexandra Vandernoot as . . . Tessa Noel
- Amanda Wyss as Randi McFarland
- Werner Stocker as Darius
- Jim Byrnes as Joe Dawson
- Philip Akin as Charlie DeSalvo
- Michel Modo as Maurice

Highlander: The Series is filmed in Vancouver, British Columbia, and in Paris, France.

Following are lists of Highlander episodes. For detailed synopses of each episode's contents, please refer to HIFAQS.TXT which can be downloaded from CompuServe's SCI-FI forum (LIB12) or from its original home on the Internet.

First Season

<u>Ep#</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Week of</u>	<u>Prod#</u>
01	<u>The Gathering</u>	<u>10/03/92</u>	<u>92102-01</u>
02	<u>Innocent Man</u>	<u>10/10/92</u>	<u>92103-04</u>
03	<u>Road Not Taken</u>	<u>10/17/92</u>	<u>92108-03</u>
04	<u>Bad Day in Building A</u>	<u>10/24/92</u>	<u>92107-06</u>
05	<u>Free Fall</u>	<u>10/31/92</u>	<u>92101-05</u>
06	<u>Deadly Medicine</u>	<u>11/07/92</u>	<u>92111-08</u>
07	<u>Mountain Men</u>	<u>11/14/92</u>	<u>92110-07</u>
08	<u>Revenge is Sweet</u>	<u>11/21/92</u>	<u>92109-10</u>
09	<u>The Sea Witch</u>	<u>11/30/92</u>	<u>92112-09</u>
10	<u>Eyewitness</u>	<u>12/07/92</u>	<u>92115-12</u>
11	<u>Family Tree</u>	<u>12/14/92</u>	<u>92106-02</u>
12	<u>See No Evil</u>	<u>12/21/92</u>	<u>92114-11</u>
13	<u>Band of Brothers</u>		<u>92118-13</u>
14	<u>For Evil's Sake</u>		<u>92117-14</u>
15	<u>For Tomorrow We Die</u>		<u>92116-15</u>
16	<u>The Beast Below</u>		<u>92123-16</u>
17	<u>Saving Grace</u>		<u>92120-17</u>
18	<u>The Lady and the Tiger</u>		<u>92121-18</u>
19	<u>Avenging Angel</u>		<u>92122-20</u>
20	<u>Eye of the Beholder</u>		<u>92124-19</u>
21	<u>Nowhere to Run</u>		<u>92125-21</u>
22	<u>The Hunters</u>		<u>92126-22</u>

Second Season

<u>Ep#</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Week of</u>	<u>Prod#</u>
23	<u>The Watchers</u>	<u>09/27/93</u>	<u>93201</u>
24	<u>Studies In Light</u>	<u>10/04/93</u>	<u>93202</u>
25	<u>Turnabout</u>	<u>10/11/93</u>	<u>93203</u>
26	<u>The Darkness</u>	<u>10/18/93</u>	<u>93204</u>
27	<u>Eye For an Eye</u>	<u>10/25/93</u>	<u>93205</u>
28	<u>The Zone</u>	<u>11/01/93</u>	<u>93206</u>
29	<u>Return of Amanda</u>	<u>11/08/93</u>	<u>93207</u>
30	<u>Revenge of the Sword</u>	<u>11/15/93</u>	<u>93208</u>
31	<u>Run For Your Life</u>	<u>11/22/93</u>	<u>93209</u>
32	<u>Epitaph For Tommy</u>	<u>11/29/93</u>	<u>93210</u>
33	<u>Bless the Child</u>	<u>01/24/94</u>	<u>93213</u>
34	<u>The Fighter</u>	<u>01/31/94</u>	<u>93211</u>
35	<u>Under Color of Authority</u>	<u>02/07/94</u>	<u>93212</u>
36	<u>Unholy Alliance I</u>	<u>02/14/94</u>	<u>93214</u>
37	<u>Unholy Alliance II</u>	<u>02/21/94</u>	<u>93215</u>
38	<u>Vampire</u>	<u>02/28/94</u>	<u>93216</u>
39	<u>Warmonger</u>	<u>03/07/94</u>	<u>93217</u>
40	<u>Pharaoh's Daughter</u>	<u>04/25/94</u>	<u>93218</u>
41	<u>Legacy</u>	<u>05/02/94</u>	<u>93219</u>
42	<u>Prodigal Son</u>	<u>05/09/94</u>	<u>93220</u>
43	<u>Counterfeit I</u>	<u>05/16/94</u>	<u>93221</u>
44	<u>Counterfeit II</u>	<u>05/23/94</u>	<u>93222</u>

Third Season

Tentative HIGHLANDER '94 schedule.

<u>Ep#</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Week of</u>	<u>Prod#</u>
45	The Samurai	09/26/94	94301
46	Line of Fire	10/03/94	94302
47	The Revolutionary	10/10/94	94303
48*	The Cross of St. Antoine	10/17/94	94304
49*	Rite of Passage	10/24/94	94305

*Episode order may be swapped.

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Highlander:

Canon

In discussing the Highlander mythos, it is often asked "What is considered 'canon', or without question?"

The answer, unfortunately, is complex. Because the films and the television series have entirely different production teams, there is no unified "canon".

However a common concensus has been arrived at by the Watchers of CIS and other groups of fans.

Films

Highlander (HL1), often subtitled by the Watchers of CIS as "There can be only One," is considered canon. However, much controversy remains regarding the "Laws" of being Immortal as we were first introduced to them by Juan Sanchez Villalobos-Ramirez.

Highlander 2: The Quickening (HL2), also known as "The Sickening" or "That Which We Shall Not Name," is not considered canon. The general concensus, at this time, is that a case of bad haggis caused Connor, after receiving the Kurgan's quickening, to have a bad dream of one possible future. Even the producers are denying that HL2 ever occurred.

Highlander 3: The Sorcerer (HL3) is, at this writing, an unknown quantity. Rumor has it that the producers aim to tie HL3 directly to the first film. More after its release....

Television

All events of Highlander: The Series (HL:TS) are considered canon, though separately. The producers of the series state that it takes place in an "alternate universe" and therefore isn't bound by the events of the film(s). The Watchers of CIS continue, as do other fan groups, to try to resolve the series to the film(s).

For example, immortals in HL:TS seem to experience a real "death" when dealt a fatal blow -- pain, unconsciousness, loss of vital signs -- and only later "reviving". In the film(s) a fatal blow, though certainly painful, has little or no effect on the immortal.

The Laws

Several Laws govern an immortal's life. The exact origins of these Laws is unknown; one is even called "tradition", which creates much speculation.

- Immies can only truly be killed by beheading.
- Immies cannot have children.
- Immies will not fight on holy ground.
- In the end, there can be only One.

Known Facts

Though not truly Laws, many other consistencies have been observed in immie-lore:

- Immies can sense other immies ("the Buzz") to varying degrees.
- When an immie beheads another immie, they receive all of that immie's knowledge and power in what's called "the quickening".
- Immies don't know where they come from (certainly not Zeist!) or why they're immortal.
- Immies must duel one-on-one.
- Battles are private; "Our Game is not for spectators".
- Only a violent death triggers the immortality present since birth (often referred to as their "First Death").

More Info!

- For info on the official Highlander fan club:

For membership & convention information send an
SASE to:

THE GATHERING
THE OFFICIAL HIGHLANDER FILMS & SERIES FAN CLUB
P.O. BOX 123
AURORA CO 80040-0123

- For info on the official Adrian Paul fan club:

PEACE - The Adrian Paul Fan Club
12439 Magnolia Blvd. #159
North Hollywood, CA 91607

- To write to other actors in HL:TS:

SSA PUBLIC RELATIONS
15060 VENTURA BLVD
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- To voice your comments regarding HL:TS:

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SUITE 600
BURBANK, CA 91505

- Questions about Highlander (HL:TS) "canon":

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- For info on the Highlander film serialization:

Ordered through: Tiptree Distributing
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Author: Gary Douglas
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(703) 698-8606 (FAX)

◦ For a faux Highlander soundtrack:

There is no "official" Highlander soundtrack; but the following CD contains all songs, except "New York, New York".

Artist: Queen
Title: A Kind of Magic
Label: Hollywood Records
US CD: HR-61152-2

◦ For everything else:

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Common Terms

First Death Original fatal blow that triggers
immortality
Immie An immortal
Inviso-Sword A sword drawn seemingly from nowhere
KYH Keep Your Head
MAA Martial Arts Abilities; admiring the
(shirtless) skills of Connor & Duncan
MYN Mind Your Neck
Pre-Immie Potential but not yet activated
immortal
SACWOTW Sexually Aggressive Career Woman Of
The Week
SMC Sterling Moral Character; admiring the
(shirtless) honor of Connor & Duncan;
see also MAA
Spooze Lightning storm seen during a
quickening
TCBOO There Can Be Only One
TWWSNN That Which We Shall Not Name;
Highlander 2
YAHBUT Yet Another Highlander Blooper. Using
Tachyons; historical inaccuracies
YAHIS Yet Another Highlander Inviso-Sword
YAHOO Yet Another Highlander Odd Occurrence
YAHOOIE Yet Another Highlander Odd Occurrence,
In Extremis

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This is the first version of this desk accessory. Any and all comments and suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

And mind your neck. :j

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