

Short Review: “Ghosts of Mars” (2001) by Dr. John L. Flynn



Ghosts of Mars (2001). (aka John Carpenter’s Ghosts of Mars). Columbia TriStar Pictures, color, 98 min. Director: John Carpenter. Writers: Larry Sulkis and John Carpenter. Producer: Sandy King. Cast: Natasha Henstridge, Ice Cube, Pam Grier and Joanna Cassidy.

In the 24th century on Mars, Officer Melanie Ballard (Henstridge) is leading a team of police in transferring archcriminal Desolation Williams (Cube) to an outpost jail. But, as a scientist, (Cassidy) reveals that a nearby group of human miners have been possessed by the spirits of ancient Martian warrior/whackos. All the functioning humans band together to fight the Martian menace, and eventually they all beat feet out of town. Then, things get worse. Some people hated this film. If you thought of it as horror, rather than science fiction, and listened to the incredibly strange sound track, you would have a better opinion of it. The action is hot, and Henstridge and Ice Cube are hotter.

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