

The Warriors

Set to the stage of the 70's underground in New York City, Warriors is the story of a gang from Coney Island who travels to the Bronx to visit a rally to form a truce of all the New York Gangs. When the leader of the rally, Cyrus (Roger Hill), is shot the warriors are falsely accused. With 100,000 members of gangs who supported the truce coming after them the warriors battle to get back to Coney Island.

At the beginning of the film there are nine warriors: Swan (Michael Beck), Ajax (James Remar), Cleon (Dorsey Wright), Snow (Brian Tyler), Cochise (Daved Harris), Cowboy (Tom McKitterick), Rembrandt (Marceline Sánchez), Vermin (Terry Michos) and Fox (Thomas G. Waites). By the end of the film only six of the warriors (along with Mercy, (Deborah Van Valkenburgh) who they meet on the way) remain.

While the story is most certainly violent, there is little blood and gore; the fight scenes that there are, are wonderfully choreographed, and thrilling.

The film was originally released in 1979, but, due to the Rockstar Programs™ video game that was recently released of the same title, has been reissued in a special edition format. There is an interview with the director before the commence of the film, but it gives little insight into the film or the story. The special features are decent and fun to watch. All in all the digitally re-mastered version of the “suspense classic” is worth the watching.

Grade: B

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