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Bong of the Dead Written by: <u>Michael Den Boer</u> on March 10th, 2012



Theatrical Release Date: USA, 2011 Director: Thomas Newman Writer: Thomas Newman Cast:Simone Bailly, Mark Wynn, Jy Harris, Barry Nerling, Vince Laxton, Cher Staite

DVD released: February 21st, 2012 Approximate running time: 98 minutes Aspect Ratio: 1.78:1 Anamorphic Widescreen Rating: NR Sound: Dolby Digital Stereo English Subtitles: N/A DVD Release: Horizon Motion Pictures Region Coding: Region 1 NTSC Retail Price: \$16.95



Synopsis: A pair of stoners discover that they can make a more potent weed by using the brains of zombies.

Just when you thought that every kind of Zombie film had been exploited for they are worth. Then comes a long a film like *Bong of the Dead* that combines drug related humor, with the usual plethora of zombie carnage.

On paper this film should have been more entertaining than its ends up being. Unfortunately there are far too many stretches in which things really drag and very little happens. Also during these long stretches in which things just meander along, far too much time is spent on idle banter. And while there are a handful of moments where the humor works, the majority of the time the humor falls flat.



Another area in which the film's does not fare well are the performances from its cast, who tend to ham it up to the point that the characters they are playing have become to abrasive. If any performance in the film that comes off unscathed, that would this film's leading lady Simone Bailly (*Good Luck Chuck*). Her performance is a satisfying mix of a tough nails chick and a equally sexy side that gives this film some much needed eye candy.

And while there are several areas in which this film does no quit gel. On the flip side, there are a few areas in which its holds up really well. Most notably its opening per-credit sequence, the climatic showdown verse the zombies and it's finale that leaves things open for a sequel. And without a doubt the one area in which this film excels the film's are its superbly realized special effects, which far exceed any budget limitations that this film may have had.



The DVD:

Bong of the Dead is presented in an anamorphic widescreen that retains the films intended aspect ratio. The image looks clean, colors and flesh tones look accurate and details generally look crisp.

This release comes with one audio option, a Dolby Digital stereo mix in English. There are no problems with distortion and everything sounds balanced.

Extras for this release are limited to a trailer for the film. Overall *Bong of the Dead* gets a good audio/ video presentation from Horizon Motion Pictures.

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