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## Gila !: DVD review

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"Hot chicks, hot cars, hot music & One Big Monster" is the tagline for the remake of the 1959 Sci-Fi classic The Giant Gila Monster - the title has been shortened, but not on fun & cheese. Gila ! is the namesake of the 2012 release, which just wagged it's big ol' scaly tail onto the DVD market as of April 22nd, 2014.

The remake (directed by B-Movie icon Jim Wynorski) is a close (fairly identical) photoplay of the original, which was a drive-in hit WAY back when, and for all intents & purposes, this one is just mindless fun, plain & simple. If you're looking for Oscar-worthy performances, & effects that will make you jump back in your seat in pure amazement, then run away little children.....run FAR away. The movie focuses on a group of youths back in the 50's (in not-quite 50's clothing) and their rock-music playin', drag-racin ways - the main character, Chase Winstead (Brian Gross) and his girlfriend Lisa (Madeline Voges) who are constantly at odds with the local greaser, Waco Bob (Jesse Janzen) and his love interest, Carla (Christina DeRosa) - they fight, they race, they utter nasty sentiments towards each other.....but in the end, they'll ultimately need each other to save their little town.

The entity that is threatening to destroy the mid-western borough of their inhabitanace is the GILA (cue ominous music)..a giant CGI enhanced lizard with a pissy-attitude and the appetite of a thousand fat kids has run amok and is currently devouring everything in site. Throw in a grizzled sheriff (played blandly by veteran actor Terence Knox from Tour Of Duty fame) - his buxom deputy (Night of the Comet's Kelli Maroney) & even a cameo appearance by Don Sullivan (who starred in the 1959 film), and you have the makings of a fun & down-to-business cast. Amidst the chaos of the gila rampage, the sheriff is trying to locate his lost daughter, Chase visits his polio-riddled little sister.....and Waco Bob continues to be a placid-douche. Simple side-stories that reside here, but not really pertinent to the main focal point.....no matter, it doesn't detract from the slaughter.

Not too much more here to blow up your skirts with as far as plotlines are concerned, just some killer drag-racing (with some BEAUTIFUL classic rides), a decent soundtrack, and plenty of blood to spray around at the hands (or should I say TEETH) of the monstrous gila, who has hazardous waste dumping to thank for his steroid-inspired growth spurt. If I had to jump on a negative here, it would be HOW BAD the massive lizard looks.....there's half-assed CGI, and then we have the current example, which looks as if it was cut & pasted onto the screen....YEEESH. Aside from the aforementioned graphic issue, we've got a pretty amusing flick to lay eyes upon - I can normally go into hellacious detail regarding ANY movie if absolutely necessary, but with this I'd simply say grab your beers & your popcorn & settle in for 96 minutes of goofy, B-movie level, Sci-Fi fun.....just make sure to clean up the shedded skin when you're done watching.

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