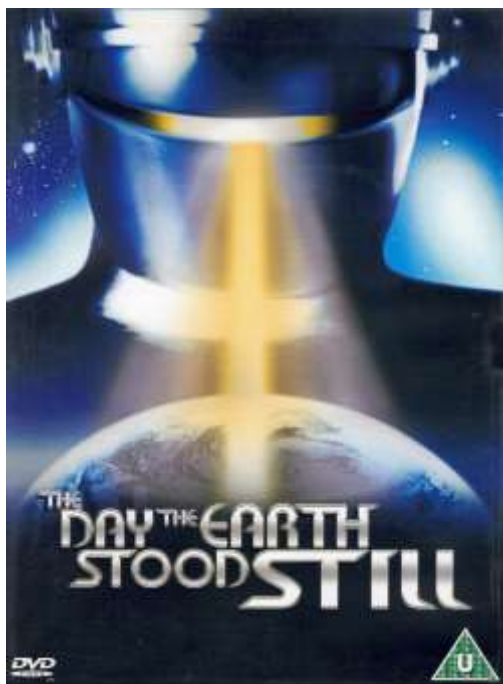


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Title: **The Day the Earth Stood Still**



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Information

Release **Title:** The Day of the Earth Stood Still
13th December 1951 (United Kingdom)

From:

AKA: Farewell to the Master

Release date: 20th September 1951 USA

Origin: United States

Genres: Drama, Sci-Fi

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Certification: U

Duration: 1h 32m

Region Code:

Region: 2

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Languages: English, French, Hindi, Russian

Filming locations: The Ellipse, National Mall, Washington, District of Columbia, USA (landing of the flying saucer on the oval)

Sound mix: Dolby

Colour: PAL Black & White

Aspect Ratio: 1.37:1

The Day the Earth Stood Still



Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Robert Wise
Screenplay by	Edmund H. North
Based on	"Farewell to the Master" 1940 story in <i>Astounding Science-Fiction Magazine</i> by Harry Bates
Produced by	Julian Blaustein
Starring	Michael Rennie Patricia Neal Hugh Marlowe Sam Jaffe Billy Gray Frances Bavier Lock Martin
Cinematography	Leo Tover
Edited by	William Reynolds
Music by	Bernard Herrmann
Color process	Black and white
Production company	20th Century Fox
Distributed by	20th Century Fox
Release date	September 18, 1951
Running time	92 minutes ^[1]
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$995,000 ^[2]
Box office	\$1.85 million (US theatrical rentals) ^[3]

Storyline

When a flying saucer lands in Washington, D.C., the United States Army quickly surrounds it. A humanoid emerges and announces that he comes "in peace and with good will". When he unexpectedly opens a small device, he is shot and wounded by a nervous soldier. A tall robot emerges from the saucer and quickly disintegrates the Army's weapons. The alien orders the robot, Gort, to desist. He explains that the now-broken device was a gift for the President of the United States that would have enabled him "to study life on the other planets".

The alien, Klaatu, is taken to Walter Reed Army Hospital. After surgery, he uses a salve to quickly heal his wound. The Army is unable to enter the saucer (its entrance is closed, and the ship is made of an impervious metal); Gort stands outside, silent and unmoving.

Klaatu tells the President's secretary, Mr. Harley, that he has a message that must be delivered to all the world's leaders simultaneously. Harley tells him that in the current world situation this is impossible. Klaatu proposes that he will spend time among ordinary humans to better understand their "unreasoning suspicions and attitudes". Harley rejects the proposal, and Klaatu remains locked in his hospital room.

Klaatu is able to escape and stays in a boarding house using the name Mr. Carpenter ("Maj. John Carpenter"), adopted from a dry cleaner's suit tag. Among the residents are young widow Helen Benson and her son Bobby. Klaatu becomes a mentor to Bobby, while Helen's suitor, Tom Stevens, becomes jealous of the stranger.

The boy takes Klaatu on a tour of the city, including a visit to his father's grave in Arlington National Cemetery; Klaatu learns that most of the dead are soldiers killed in wars. They also visit the Lincoln Memorial. Klaatu asks Bobby, "Who is the greatest living person?" Bobby suggests Professor Barnhardt. They visit the scientist's home, but he is out; Klaatu is able to enter and sees that Barnhardt's blackboard is covered with equations (attempting to solve the Three Body Problem). Klaatu adds to them and, after being discovered by the housekeeper, leaves his contact information.

That evening, a government agent escorts Klaatu to Barnhardt. Klaatu tells Barnhardt that the people of other planets are concerned about Earth's possible aggression, now that humanity has developed rockets and rudimentary atomic power. He states that if his message is ignored, Earth could be "eliminated". Barnhardt agrees to gather scientists from around the world at the saucer; he also suggests that Klaatu peacefully demonstrate the power he represents beforehand.

Klaatu returns to his spaceship, unaware that Bobby is following him. Bobby watches as Gort knocks out two soldiers so Klaatu can re-enter the saucer. Bobby runs home and tells Helen. She does not believe him, but Tom is suspicious.

The next day, for half an hour, starting at 12 noon (east coast time), all electrical equipment on Earth ceases to function,[7] except for essential services, such as hospitals and aircraft in flight.

Klaatu learns that Bobby watched him the previous night. He visits Helen at work, reveals his purpose on Earth, and asks that she not betray him. Helen asks Tom to keep Klaatu's identity secret, but he refuses to listen, already in the process of alerting the military.

Helen and Klaatu rush to Barnhardt's home. They hope that Barnhardt can hide Klaatu until the meeting that evening. Klaatu tells Helen that if anything should happen to him, she must go to Gort and say: "Klaatu barada nikto".

The Army tracks them in their taxi. Klaatu is shot and killed, and his body is moved to a nearby police station cell. Helen rushes to the saucer and speaks Klaatu's phrase. Hearing the words, Gort retrieves Klaatu's body, and revives him inside the saucer, though Klaatu tells Helen that his revival is only temporary.

Klaatu tells Barnhardt's assembled scientists that an interplanetary organization has created a police force of invincible robots like Gort. "In matters of aggression, we have given them absolute power over us". Klaatu

concludes, "Your choice is simple: join us and live in peace, or pursue your present course and face obliteration. We shall be waiting for your answer". Klaatu and Gort depart in the saucer.

Cast

Michael Rennie as Klaatu

Patricia Neal as Helen Benson

Hugh Marlowe as Tom Stevens

Sam Jaffe as Professor Jacob Barnhardt

Billy Gray as Bobby Benson

Frances Bavier as Mrs. Barley

Lock Martin as Gort

Parents Guide

Certification

Argentina:Atp Australia:G (original rating) Australia:PG (2005, re-rating) Brazil:Livre Canada:G (Manitoba/Nova Scotia/Quebec) Canada:PG (Ontario) Canada:G (video rating) Finland:K-12 France:Tous publics India:U Ireland:G Italy:T Japan:G Malaysia:U Netherlands:14 (original rating) Netherlands:12 (re-rating) New Zealand:G Nigeria:G Norway:7 (recommended rating) Norway:16 (1952, cinema rating) Portugal:M/12 Saudi Arabia:G South Korea:12 (2004) Spain:A Sweden:15 United Kingdom:U United States:TV-G (TV rating) United States:G (1969, certificate #15271) United States:Approved (1951, pca #15271) Vietnam:P West Germany:12 (f)

Sex & Nudity

None

Violence & Gore

Mild

Profanity

None

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

None

Frightening & Intense Scenes

Mild

