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25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition

Title: **The Last Starfighter**

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[1 Disc] *Blu-Ray*



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## Information

Title: **The Last Starfighter** 11<sup>th</sup> December 1984 United Kingdom

Origin: United States

Release date: United States – 13<sup>th</sup> July 1984

AKA: Also known as:

Genres: Space Sci-Fi, Teen Adventure, Action

Classification: PG

Disc Nos. 1

Duration: 1hr 40m

Region Code:

Region: Region Free

Product Code:

MPN:

EAN:

UPC:

Languages: English

Filming locations: 9411 Soledad Canyon Rd., Canyon Country, California, USA (small town where Alex lived)

Sound mix: Dolby Digital

Pal – Colour

Aspect Ratio: 2.39:1

### The Last Starfighter



Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Nick Castle
Written by	Jonathan R. Betuel
Produced by	Gary Adelson Edward O. Denault
Starring	Lance Guest Dan O'Herlihy Catherine Mary Stewart Robert Preston
Cinematography	King Baggot
Edited by	Carroll Timothy O'Meara
Music by	Craig Safan
Production companies	Lorimar Productions <sup>[1]</sup> Universal Pictures <sup>[1]</sup>
Distributed by	Universal Pictures <sup>[1]</sup>
Release date	July 13, 1984
Running time	101 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$15 million
Box office	\$28.7 million <sup>[2]</sup>

Note: Reference Only – Not available for loan or Sale – Private Collection

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## Storyline

Alex Rogan is a teenager living in a trailer park with his mother and younger brother Louis, spending most of his spare time as the park's ad hoc handyman. Aside from his girlfriend Maggie, Alex's only diversion from his mundane existence is an arcade game called Starfighter, in which the player is "recruited by the Star League to defend the Frontier against Xur and the Ko-Dan Armada" in a space battle. On the evening, he breaks the game's record as its highest-scoring player, Alex becomes angry and depressed on learning his bank loan for a college tuition has been rejected.

The inventor of Starfighter, Centauri, arrives in a futuristic car with a proposition for Alex. Centauri is in fact a disguised alien and his car a spacecraft. Alex is taken to the planet Rylos while Beta, a doppelgänger android, is used to cover Alex's absence. Alex learns there is actually a real conflict between a Star League of peaceful worlds and the oppressive Ko-Dan Empire; the latter's armada, poised to invade Rylos, is led by Xur, a tyrannical Rylan traitor who has sabotaged the Frontier forcefield shielding Rylos and other worlds from the Ko-Dan. The last line of defence against the armada is a small fleet of Gunstar spacecraft, operated by "Navigators" paired with gunners called "Starfighters". Centauri's Starfighter arcade game is a recruiting tool designed to train Starfighters. Alex meets a friendly reptilian Navigator named Grig, and explains his unwillingness to take part in the coming conflict. Grig sympathizes with Alex while Centauri tries to persuade him to stay, touting him as a gifted Starfighter.

Xur contacts Starfighter Command as Alex watches. After publicly executing a Star League spy, Xur threatens Rylos with imminent invasion, and an unnerved Alex asks to be taken home. On Earth, a disappointed Centauri gives Alex a means to contact him should he change his mind. A saboteur eliminates Starfighter Command's defences and the Ko-Dan attack, killing the Starfighters and destroying their Gunstars. The saboteur warns Xur of Alex's escape.

Alex discovers Beta and contacts Centauri to retrieve him. Centauri arrives just as Alex and Beta are attacked by a Zando-Zan, an alien assassin in Xur's service. Centauri is wounded protecting Alex, and he and Beta explain that more of them will be on their way to Earth; the only way for Alex to protect himself, his family, and his world is to embrace his ability as a Starfighter. Alex agrees, and Centauri flies Alex back to Starfighter Command before succumbing to his injury. Alex and Grig take off in a prototype Gunstar which survived the earlier attack.

While Grig mentors Alex, Beta finds it difficult to maintain his impersonation, particularly with Maggie. When another Zando-Zan shoots Beta in front of Maggie, revealing to both that Beta is an android imposter, Beta reveals everything to Maggie. They steal a pickup truck and chase the Zando-Zan back to its ship as it attempts to warn Xur. Beta has Maggie jump out before sacrificing himself by crashing the truck into the ship, destroying both and leaving the assassin's warning incomplete.

The arrogant Xur assumes Alex has been eliminated and orders the armada to invade, but is quickly proven wrong as Alex and Grig ambush his command ship from behind. Ko-Dan Commander Kril orders Xur's arrest, but Alex's attack severely damages the command ship's weapons and communications with its fighters, and Xur escapes in the confusion. Alex and Grig attack the Ko-Dan fighters but are outnumbered and overwhelmed. Alex desperately activates a secret weapon that quickly destroys the remaining fighters. Kril attempts to ram them, but Alex cripples the command ship further, causing it to crash into Rylos' moon.

Alex is proclaimed the saviour of Rylos, and is persuaded to stay and help rebuild the Star League's Starfighter legion by Grig, Rylan Ambassador Enduran, and a recovered Centauri. Alex and Grig briefly return to Earth, landing their Gunstar in the trailer park, where Grig tells its residents of Alex's heroism. Alex bids his family farewell and asks Maggie to come with him, and she agrees. Inspired, Louis begins playing the Starfighter game. [Wiki](#)

Alex Rogan lives in a remote trailer court where his mother is manager and everyone is like a massive extended family. He defeats Starfighter, a stand-up arcade game to the applause of everyone in the court and later finds out he has been turned down for a student loan for college. Depressed, he meets Centauri, who introduces himself as a person from the company that made the game, before Alex really knows what is going on, he is on the ride of his life in a sports car flying through space. Chosen to take the skills he showed on the video game into real combat to protect the galaxy from an invasion. Alex gets as far as the Starfighter base before he really realized that he was conscripted and requests to be taken back home. When he gets back home, he finds a Zando-Zan (alien bounty hunter) is stalking him. Unable to go home and live, Alex returns to the Starfighter base to find all the pilots have been killed and he is the galaxy's only chance to be saved from invasion. To defeat the invaders, who are paying the bounty on him, he must be victorious.—John VogelIMDb

# Cast

Lance Guest as Alex Rogan / Beta Alex Rogan  
Robert Preston as Centauri  
Dan O'Herlihy as Grig  
Catherine Mary Stewart as Maggie Gordon  
Norman Snow as Xur  
Kay E. Kuter as Ambassador Enduran  
Barbara Bosson as Jane Rogan  
Chris Hebert as Louis Rogan  
Dan Mason as Lord Kril  
Vernon Washington as Otis  
John O'Leary as Rylan Bursar  
George McDaniel as Kodan 1st Officer  
Charlene Nelson as Rylan Technician  
John Maio as Friendly Alien  
Al Berry as Rylan Spy  
Scott Dunlop as Tentacle Alien  
Peter Nelson as Jack Blake  
Peggy Pope as Elvira  
Meg Wyllie as Granny Gordon  
Ellen Blake as Clara Potter  
Britt Leach as Mr. Potter  
Bunny Summers as Mrs. Boone  
Owen Bush as Mr. Boone  
Marc Alaimo as Hitchhiker  
Wil Wheaton as Louis' Friend  
Cameron Dye as Andy  
Geoffrey Blake as Gary

## Parental Guidance Certification

Australia -PGNRCOriginal Rating, Brazil-Livre, Canada-PG, Canadian Home Video rating G Manitoba, Québec, Saskatchewan  
PGManitoba/OntarioANova ScotiaPGNova Scotia, Re-rating, - FinlandK-12, France-Tous publics, Germany-12, Iceland-1012video rating, India-U  
Ireland-PG, Italy-T, Japan-G, Malaysia-U, New Zealand-PG, Norway-11, Poland-12TV rating, Portugal-M/6, Singapore-PG, South Korea-12,  
Spain-TP,Sweden-11, United Kingdom-PGOriginal Rating122024, Re-rating, United States-PGcertificate #27358, United Arab Emirates-Not Rated  
West Germany-12

**Sex & Nudity** –Mild **Violence & Gore**- Mild, **Profanity**- Mild **Alcohol, drugs & Smoking** - None, **Frightening & Intense Scenes** –Mild

