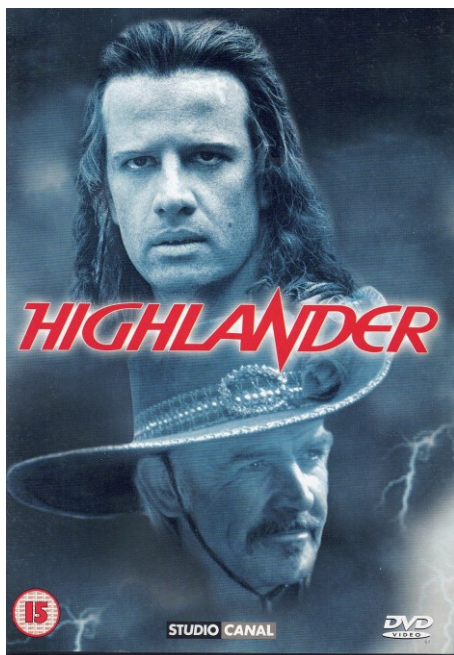


The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **Highlander**



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Information

Release Title: Highlander 29th August 1986 (United Kingdom)

From:

AKA: Dark Knight

Release date:

Origin: United Kingdom, USA

Genre: Action, Adventure, Fantasy

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Certification: 15

Duration: 1h 56m Av per DVD

Region Code:

Region: 2

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Languages: English,

Filming Locations: Eilean Donan Castle, Kyle of Lochalsh, Highland, Scotland, UK.

Sound mix: DTS-ES, Dolby Digital EX, 12-Track Digital Sound, IMAX 6-Track

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 1:85:1



Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Russell Mulcahy
Screenplay by	Gregory Widen Peter Bellwood Larry Ferguson ^[1]
Story by	Gregory Widen ^[1]
Produced by	Peter S. Davis William N. Panzer
Starring	Christopher Lambert Roxanne Hart Clancy Brown Sean Connery
Cinematography	Gerry Fisher ^{[2][3]}
Edited by	Peter Honess ^[1]
Music by	Michael Kamen ^[1]
Production companies	Thorn EMI Screen Entertainment Highlander Productions ^[1] Davis-Panzer Productions ^[3]
Distributed by	Thorn EMI Screen Entertainment ^[4] (through Cannon Films) (U.K.) 20th Century Fox (United States)
Release dates	January 1986 (Avoriaz) 7 March 1986 (U.S.) 29 August 1986 (U.K.)
Running time	111 minutes ^[1]
Countries	United Kingdom ^{[1][2][3]} United States ^{[2][3][5]}
Language	English
Budget	\$19 million ^[6]
Box office	\$12.8 million ^[7]

Storyline

In 1985, Connor MacLeod encounters an old enemy, Iman Fasil, in the parking garage of Madison Square Garden. After a sword duel, MacLeod beheads Fasil and triggers a powerful energy release—known as a Quickenings—that affects the immediate surroundings, destroying many cars. After Connor hides his sword in the garage's ceiling, NYPD officers detain him for murder but later release him due to lack of evidence.

Connor's history is revealed through a series of flashbacks. In the Scottish Highlands in 1536, Connor enters his first battle as the Fraser Clan is at war with the MacLeod Clan. The Frasers are aided by an outlander warrior, the Kurgan, in exchange for his right to slay Connor. In battle, the Kurgan fatally stabs Connor, but is driven off before he can finish him. Inexplicably, Connor makes a complete recovery, compelling his lover Kate and his cousin Dougal to accuse him of witchcraft. The clan wishes to kill him, but his other cousin, chieftain Angus, mercifully exiles him. Connor wanders the highlands, becomes a blacksmith and marries a woman named Heather MacDonald.

Juan Sánchez Villa-Lobos Ramírez, a swordsman from Spain, finds Connor after tracking the Kurgan to Scotland. He explains that he, Connor, the Kurgan and others like them were born immortals and are destined to battle each other, save on holy ground. Under the overriding belief of all immortals ("In the end, there can be only one"), the few who shall be left will be drawn to a faraway land for the Gathering, the final battle for the Prize, the power of all the immortals through time. Ramírez reveals that immortals cannot have children and believes they must ensure evil people like the Kurgan do not win the Prize, or else humanity will suffer an eternity of darkness.

Ramírez trains MacLeod, and the two become friends. One night, while Connor is away, the Kurgan finds his home and duels Ramírez. Kurgan decapitates Ramírez and leaves the area. Years later, Heather dies of old age, prompting Connor to wander the Earth, adopting Ramírez's katana as his own.

In 1985, the time of the Gathering approaches, and the Kurgan is compelled to come to New York City, where Connor now lives as an antique dealer under the alias "Russell Nash," working with his confidant and adopted daughter Rachel Ellenstein. Brenda Wyatt, a metallurgy expert working for the police as a forensic scientist, finds shards of Connor's sword at Fasil's death scene and is puzzled they come from a Japanese sword dated around 600 B.C. but made with medieval-era methods. Brenda witnesses the Kurgan attack Connor before police arrive, forcing them to flee. She meets with Connor twice afterward, hoping to learn about the paradoxical sword. Connor likes her, but tells her to leave him alone.

Meanwhile, the Kurgan duels and beheads Sunda Kastagir, another Immortal. However, the Kurgan leaves a witness behind who describes him as the killer, concentrating the NYPD's search on him. Brenda investigates Connor and finds evidence that he has lived for centuries. On Heather's birthday, Connor lights a candle for her in a church, as he has done every year. The Kurgan arrives and confirms that he and Connor are now the last remaining Immortals, and also reveals he raped Heather. Disgusted, but prohibited from fighting on holy ground, Connor leaves.

Brenda confronts Connor, who explains his true identity. After spending the night together, they part company, but the Kurgan finds out about their newfound intimacy and kidnaps Brenda to draw Connor out. Connor decides to leave behind the Russell Nash identity, says goodbye to Rachel and confronts the Kurgan at Silvercup Studios in Queens, rescuing Brenda in the process. After a long duel, Connor outfights and decapitates the Kurgan, absorbing his massive power and winning the Prize. Connor returns to Scotland with Brenda and reveals that he is now a mortal man who can age and have children. He is also now able to read the thoughts and feelings of people all around the world, and remembering Ramírez's lessons, he hopes to encourage cooperation, understanding, and peace among humanity.

Parents Guide

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Sex & Nudity

Mild

Violence & Gore

Severe

Profanity

Mild

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

None

Fighting & Intense Scenes

Moderate

MPAA Rated R for strong action violence, a scene of sexuality and some language

