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Directed by Charles Jarrott. With Peter Finch, Liv Ullmann, Sally Kellerman, George Kennedy. While escaping war-torn China, a group of Europeans crash in the Himalayas, where they are rescued and taken to the mysterious Valley of the Blue Moon, Shangri-La. Hidden from the rest of the world, Shangri-La is a haven of peace and tranquility for world-weary diplomat Richard Conway.

A cause for celebration, if you will, for both lovers of entertainingly bad cinema yours truly, and those who have come to regard *Lost Horizon* as an underappreciated classic. This is 35 years of film progress?: Hunter, who had reason to crow, coming as he did off of the staggering blockbuster success of *Airport*, was about to get a none-too-subtle dose of hubris when critics and audiences nationwide met the release of *Lost Horizon* with a conjoined hostility that effectively ended his plus years as a feature film producer. Had Hunter been a little less "proud" of *Lost Horizon*, he may have emerged from the fiasco reasonably unscathed. Disaster film producer Irwin Allen I. A title it may well have held in perpetuity had it not been for the twin-missile launch of two equally high-profile musical bombs later in the decade: Even with the excision of several laugh-inducing musical numbers, *Lost Horizon* limped along at theaters before disappearing completely within weeks of opening. Soundtrack albums and truckloads of *Lost Horizon* merchandising items comic books, paper dolls, etc. Denied a VHS release and airing on cable TV only in its severely edited-down form, *Lost Horizon*, a film otherwise destined for obscurity, has over the years risen to must-see status primarily due to its long-standing unavailability and a lingering public curiosity surrounding it actually being as awful as its reputation attested. Peter Finch, most likely thinking of his paycheck. Liv Ullmann, adopting the universal "Who knows? I like it because of the nostalgia it invokes the pro-*Lost Horizon* cult is comprised chiefly of individuals who saw it as children. Bless their undiscerning little hearts; my love of Burt Bacharach; and because I have a decided taste for cheese. *Lost Horizon* is a banquet of tacky aesthetics, risible dialog, awkward performances, wince-inducing lyrics, and moldy choreography. Movies this wrong-headed are just too much fun. *Lost Horizon* never makes Shangri-La look particularly appealing. Seriously, the state of peace and enlightenment HAS to be livelier and more fun than this. With all those monks somnambulistically gliding about and everybody looking so gloomily content, the idea of an eternity spent here sounds less like a dream and more like one of those ironic twist endings from a *Twilight Zone* episode. And in *Lost Horizon* he works the same reverse alchemy on the luminous Liv Ullmann. The stiff, desexed, schoolmarm *Lost Horizon* fashions her into bears no resemblance to the lovely, earthy actress in all those Ingmar Bergman films. Along with an unflattering wardrobe, Liv Ullmann is saddled with a terrible dubbed singing voice in *Lost Horizon*. A song one perceptive online critic described as a New-Age version of the "Green Acres" theme. After all, there have been hundreds of films with equally atrocious harem-girl dance sequences shoehorned into the plot for the sole purpose of displaying a little female pulchritude. But I guess a big screen filled with gyrating, muscular, semi-nude male dancers was just too much to ask of audiences in But I also think Hunter betrayed American audiences by falling prey to that great Hollywood sickness: The thing that sinks *Lost Horizon* is that it just takes itself too seriously and tries too hard to be an important film. When Hunter was content to make glossy, easily-digestible, escapist fluff, he was perhaps the top of his craft. When he actually started to see himself as a messenger of spiritual uplift Closer to the truth is that we each like what we like, then we try to attach objective value judgments to our subjective opinions, This kind of thinking ignores the very real fact that some truly marvelous films are just not to our taste, and some real stinkers are dear to our hearts. Such is *Lost Horizon* to me.

Lost Horizon is a American musical film directed by Charles Jarrott and starring Peter Finch, John Gielgud, Liv Ullmann, Michael York, Sally Kellerman, Bobby Van, George Kennedy, Olivia Hussey, James Shigeta and Charles Boyer. It was also the final film produced by Ross Hunter.

When Ronald Colman , his first and only choice for the role of Robert Conway, proved to be unavailable, Capra decided to wait and made Mr. Deeds Goes to Town instead. After a screen test of year-old retired stage actor A. Anson , Capra decided that he was just right for the part. Not long after, the housekeeper called back telling Capra that when Anson heard the news, he had a heart attack and died. Subsequently, Capra offered the part to year-old Henry B. He died before shooting began. Finally, to play it safer age-wise, Capra cast Sam Jaffe who was just The Streamline Moderne sets representing Shangri-La, designed by Stephen Goosson , had been constructed adjacent to Hollywood Way, a busy thoroughfare by day, which necessitated filming at night and heavily added to overtime expenses. Many exteriors were filmed on location in Palm Springs , Lucerne Valley , the Ojai Valley , the Mojave Desert , the Sierra Nevada Mountains , and in what is now Westlake Village , adding the cost of transporting cast, crew, and equipment to the swelling budget. For one scene lasting four minutes, he shot 6, feet, the equivalent of one hour of screen time. A total of 40 minutes of footage featuring the High Lama eventually was trimmed to the 12 that appeared in the final cut. Filming took one hundred days, 34 more than scheduled. The studio considered releasing it in two parts, but eventually decided the idea was impractical. Following a showing of the screwball comedy Theodora Goes Wild , the audience was not receptive to a drama of epic length. Many walked out, and those who remained laughed at sequences intended to be serious. He later claimed he burned the first two reels of the film, an account disputed by Milford, who noted setting the nitrate film on fire would have created a devastating explosion. The new footage placed more emphasis on the growing desperation of the world situation at the time. When it premiered in San Francisco on March 2, it was minutes long. Because the box-office returns were so low, the studio head deleted an additional 14 minutes before the film went into general release the following September. A settlement was reached on November 27, , with Capra collecting his money and being relieved of the obligation of making one of the five films required by his contract. Nugent of The New York Times called it, "a grand adventure film, magnificently staged, beautifully photographed, and capitally played. We can deride the screen in its lesser moods, but when the West Coast impresarios decide to shoot the works the resulting pyrotechnics bathe us in a warm and cheerful glow. Only the conclusion itself is somehow disappointing. But perhaps that is inescapable, for there can be no truly satisfying end to any fantasy. Unquestionably the picture has the best photography and sets of the year. By all means it is worth seeing. I thought the old lama would go on talking forever. For Greene, the film is "very long" and "very dull Awards and nominations[edit]

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March 26, | Print Page Tweet I don't know how much Ross Hunter paid Burt Bacharach and Hal David to write the music for "Lost Horizon," but whatever it was, it was a too much.

Ross Hunter represented old-fashioned Hollywood glamour and scored big with his retro- soap opera airplane jeopardy movie Airport. But when he waded into the dangerous, woefully outdated cultural territory called Shangri-La, his movie and a bushel of talented actors sunk into the quicksand of AMR: Lost Horizon has enjoyed a strong video life as an ugly duckling musical, ever since a s laserdisc restored scenes that had been cut during its initial release. But in place of Hong Kong, the plane takes them high into "the unexplored region beyond civilization" in the west of China. Crashing on a mountain peak, they are miraculously rescued and taken through the deep snow to an incredible place called Shangri-La, in The Valley of The Blue Moon. There the weather is always pleasant, sickness and need are unknown, and peaceful harmony reigns. Richard immediately feels as if he belongs there, especially when the pleasant Catherine Liv Ullmann smiles in his direction. The survivors become guests in the palace of the mysterious High Lama Charles Boyer , who has not admitted a visitor in years. The head monk Chang John Gielgud affords his guests every accommodation but avoids questions about how they got there, or when they can leave. The High Lama divulges secrets about the purpose of Shangri-La, and why Richard was brought there, but his story is so fantastic that Richard is afraid to believe it. The High Lama says that people in Shangri-La grow old very slowly and that he himself is over years of age. Initial reviewers of Lost Horizon tripped all over one another to fashion the cruelest put-downs in print. Unfortunately, most of what they complained about is true. I think that was a stretch. The script handles exposition well but almost everything else about the characters is very, very thin. Frank Capra had to throw all of his directorial tricks at his original version to make some of his character stuff work. Without the cinematic fireworks and the rapturous Dimitri Tiomkin score some of the characters in this remake are left adrift. Peter Finch is the center of attention and fares the best. In her big Hollywood debut, poor Liv Ullmann has nothing to do but smile at Finch and become distraught when he leaves. Michael York and Olivia Hussey have tidy character arcs to play and emerge in one piece. Sally Kellerman and George Kennedy unfortunately have the corniest material. It all adds up to a real liability. By the Hollywood art of making musicals from scratch had been all but lost. The light songs tend to feel inconsequential. The heavy songs, with Peter Finch sing-talking about his self-doubt, are deadly bores. Few of the actors are suited to musical work. Sally Kellerman can sing and most of the others are dubbed reasonably well. But when it comes time to dance, the actors swing their arms lamely and walk in rhythm to the music, as if vamping for a camera rehearsal. And this is supposed to be a big Hollywood musical. Kellerman sings the bouncy song "Reflections" to George Kennedy at the side of a little pond. She does little more than feign some body language while standing in place, finishing with a fairly pathetic little twist action. The director Charles Jarrott is no fool; was he proud that most of the number was recorded in one take? Liv Ullman marches a pack of happy kids up a hill, swinging her arms to the beat of "The World is a Circle". This works better given the Kindergarten setting, but audiences thought it a pale attempt to evoke the vibe of The Sound of Music. One would never know that Ullmann is one of the most accomplished actresses in the world. Harry Lovett stays reasonably optimistic and stress-free and is more pleasant to be around than his fellow passengers. His jokes are inoffensive. Best of all, Bobby Van has authentic dancing talent. His one number "Question Me an Answer" sees Harry entertaining and dancing with a brace of little Shangri-La school kids. The number is nothing earth shattering but it conveys real personality. In Westwood screenings, the song always got applause. Everybody knows their proper place. When the rest of the world is dead, the poisonous children will be set free to go forth and multiply. In other words, saving the world means encouraging the world we know to be destroyed. The High Lama has already written off humanity. The Twilight Time Blu-ray of Lost Horizon is a treat for musical fans that appreciate the misses as well as the hits. Of especial interest are a series of Burt Bacharach Song Demos, with the composer previewing most of the main tunes. As a lowly usher at the National Theater in Westwood, I worked the Lost Horizon premiere and several weeks thereafter. Nobody at

the theater ever called it a Road Show, just an exclusive engagement. The premiere was a big deal where I got to see a bushel of stars in just a few minutes. The ones I remember well are John Wayne his friendly smile filled the room and Tony Curtis who was surprisingly short and feminine-looking. The theater manager chewed me out by because I failed to guard some seats. Then they took turns telling me what an ingrate I was, trying to keep them from seats they deserved. When gathered into a crowd, Beverly Hills and film business people back then tended to act like scum. Most real celebrities were friendly and generous to long-haired student movie ushers. Once when I stepped into the auditorium in my blue fake tuxedo usher costume, a man in a suit with glasses asked me what I thought of the movie. I must have been in a wild mood that day, because I said something like, "Man, nothing can save this picture! Unlike the incident with the roped-off seats, there were no repercussions. I think Hunter may have agreed with me. I saw *Lost Horizon* at least 25 times and can state unequivocally that in Westwood the whole movie as presented on this Blu-ray was shown Then a fat little editor arrived from the studio. He went to a booth and started pulling footage from reels, following notes written on an envelope. Audiences laughed at the pageant song "Living Together, Growing Together"; the next time the show played it was missing. The editor simply rolled the deleted scenes up and stuck them in his pockets. Big tape splices went through the projector where the scenes had been taken out. This, I realized, is what must have happened with *The Wild Bunch* four years earlier, when the movie played a week and then was suddenly ten minutes shorter, with big splices where flashbacks once were. The theater manager played the *Lost Horizon* soundtrack in the lobby in an unending loop, which means that I listened to that record ad infinitum for five weeks straight. This accounts for a strange personal nostalgia for the movie and its music. There is a reason that the song "Share the Joy" sounded familiar: Listen to them sometime.

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Those kind of big-scale, roadshow releases, often in large negative formats like Todd-AO and Super Technirama and exhibited on a reserved-seats basis for long runs in big downtown movie palaces, seem to have begun with Oklahoma! The genre pretty much peaked with The Sound of Music , the biggest hit of the entire s and so successful that it saved 20th Century-Fox from the financial bath it took on Cleopatra , but it was almost all downhill from there. Changing tastes marked by the arrival of the Easy Riders, Raging Bulls generation of filmmakers, combined with the supremely bad judgment of various Hollywood producers, gradually turned critical and public opinion against the genre. Fiddler on the Roof and Cabaret were pretty much the last major hits of their kind. The high-def transfer and the 5. And, unlike most Twilight Time Blu-rays, this one is packed with lots of worthwhile extra features. The movie is almost a revelation. Lost Horizon has a terrific opening act. In Baskul, somewhere in the Far East, Westerners are being evacuated from the midst of a chaotic revolution. Only hours into the flight do they realize that, instead of flying east toward Hong Kong, their small plane has been hijacked and heading in the opposite direction. In an unexplored region of the Himalayas, the plane crashes and the pilot is killed, but the party is almost immediately rescued by a group of lamas led by Chang John Gielgud. In blizzard-like conditions they escort the survivors through a through a tunnel leading to an unimaginable sub-tropical paradise, the completely isolated Shangri-La, an idyllic community with temperate climate and where its residents enjoy unusually long and carefree lives despite the lack of electricity, modern conveniences, and almost no contact with the outside world. Although George is anxious to return to civilization as quickly as possible, for the rest Shangri-La offers these mostly unhappy, dissatisfied souls the opportunity to start a new life. Richard falls in love with Catherine Liv Ullmann , a school teacher; Sam is initially excited to discover a vein of gold ripe for the picking, but then falls in love with Sally and begins to have second thoughts. But Lost Horizon is essentially an existential story and, thus here, an existential musical not much in need of the high-kicking razzle-dazzle one usually associates with classical Hollywood musicals. Being able to escape from all that in must have seemed particularly attractive. I first saw the film on laserdisc about 20 years ago and felt then that Lost Horizon might have been salvaged had distributor Columbia simply cut all the songs out, that the non-musical sections would have played better without them. However, watching the Blu-ray, and especially being able to see and hear the film under ideal conditions, my opinion changed completely and now I regard it as one of the great, unjustly maligned movie musical scores of its kind. As Vincent Canby noted in his review of the film, the score is too sophisticated for the movie it was designed to support. Interestingly, other than over the opening titles there are no songs at all until about 40 minutes into the film, after everyone arrives in Shangri-La. Holding back as the filmmakers did was very clever and effective. Working against this innovation is a conflictingly old-fashioned approach to other aspects of the film and the influence of so many old-timers behind the camera, including costume designer Jean Louis, cinematographer Robert Surtees, and production designer E. Preston Ames, all of whom were pushing While the superb character actor James Shigeta plays lama To Len, decidedly non-Asian John Gielgud is a bit awkward as Chang who, instead of appearing authentically Asian looks to have some sort of strange eyelid inflammation. The impressively massive exterior sets uncomfortably straddle stereotypical Asian exoticness mixed with storybook fantasy, and in fact the main set was a refurbished castle set originally built on the Warner Bros. In the accompanying booklet Hunter himself is quoted as essentially saying anything approaching realism was not his goal. Finch and Ullman are mostly dubbed by others. The image is notably sharp and bright with excellent color and contrast throughout, and the scenes cut for the general release version are imperceptibly reintegrated here. Optional English SDH subtitles are included. Extra Features Supplements are especially good this time. Also included is a vintage documentary, Ross Hunter: On the Way to Shangri-La, with much behind-the-scenes footage; and the usual fine liner notes by Julie Kirgo. Parting Thoughts Better than I expected when I saw it all those years ago on

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