

Blu-ray Review: 'Texas Chainsaw' Continues to Diminish Legacy of Original

Submitted by [BrianTT](#) [1] on May 20, 2013 - 3:51pm

- [Alexandra Daddario](#) [2]
- [Blu-ray Review](#) [3]
- [Brian Tallerico](#) [4]
- [HollywoodChicago.com Content](#) [5]
- [Texas Chainsaw](#) [6]
- [Tobe Hooper](#) [7]
- [Theater, TV, DVD & Blu-Ray](#) [8]

CHICAGO – Why do they keep making these awful movies? I'm a horror fan. I think Tobe Hooper's original "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" is a truly effective (if a bit overrated) movie that has to be included on a list of the most influential of its era. But nearly everything that it has literally spawned has been awful. Sure, "TCM 2" has some wackadoo charm but the modern remakes — the two Platinum Dunes flicks and now this 3D stinker, reecently released on Blu-ray and DVD, are just a waste of time. To be fair, this reboot/sequel isn't nearly as annoying as the last two but it's still awful.

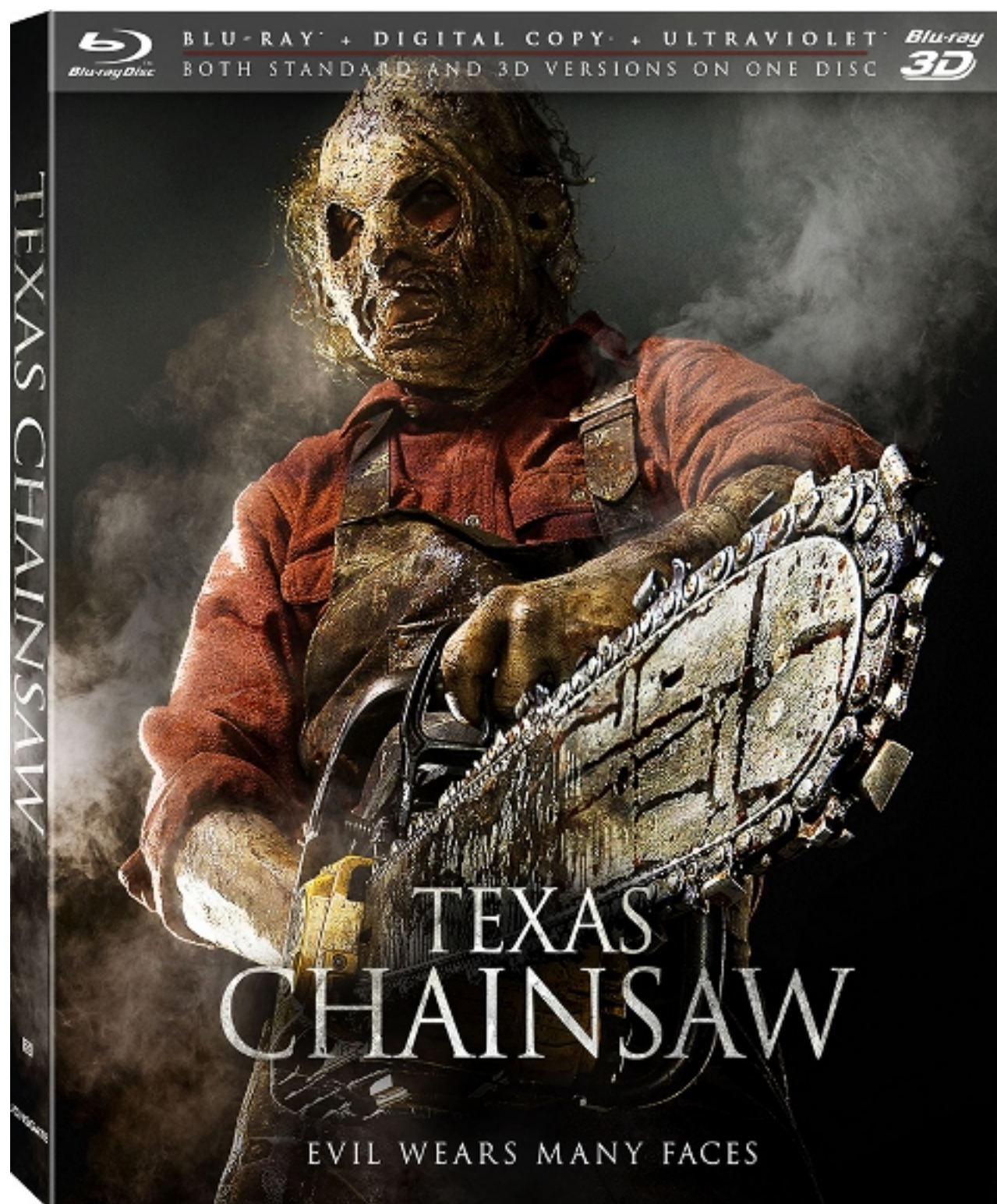


Rating: **1.0/5.0**

The best idea the makers of "Texas Chainsaw" had was to pick up more directly from the Hooper original instead of just going the traditional remake route. In fact, the credits consist of scenes from the original with the opening scene picking up right after as townspeople burn down the site of the original massacre. The "huh" response from viewers should be immediate. Why are they grafting a local mob angle on to the Leatherface myth? Should we feel bad for the cannibals when their house is burned to the ground? Huh?

It turns out that a baby survived the torching. Years later, that baby has grown up into a gorgeous woman (Alexandra Daddario) who, of course, not only discovers her lineage but the fact that Leatherface is still living in the basement of her old family home. She brings some friends, they get sliced up, and it feels like "TCM" is going relatively predictable places. Then it gets WEIRD as the creators once again choose to go the strange route, suggesting that the townspeople are as dangerous as Leatherface's family. It goes from predictable to nonsense. At least they tried something different. Tried and FAILED. I just wish they would stop trying. I'm starting to feel bad for Leatherface.

Despite my general loathing of the film, fans of it will be happy with the copious special features, including a commentary track that features the legendary Hooper himself.



Texas Chainsaw was released on Blu-ray and DVD on May 14, 2013

Photo credit: Lionsgate

Synopsis:

Texas Chainsaw continues the legendary story of the homicidal Sawyer family, picking up where Tobe Hooper's 1974 horror classic left off in Newt, Texas, where for decades people went missing without a trace. Decades later and hundreds of miles away from the original massacre, a young woman named Heather learns that she has inherited a Texas estate from a grandmother she never knew she had. After embarking on a road trip with friends to uncover her roots, she finds she is the sole owner of a lavish, isolated Victorian mansion. But her newfound wealth comes at a price as she stumbles upon a horror that awaits her in the mansion's cellars...

Special Features:

- o Multiple Audio Commentaries With Producer Carl Mazzocone, Filmmaker Tobe Hooper, Actors Bill Moseley, Gunnar Hansen and Others
- o Texas Chainsaw Legacy Featurette
- o Resurrecting The Saw Featurette
- o The Old Homestead Featurette
- o Casting Terror Featurette
- o Leatherface 2013 Featurette
- o Lights, Camera, Massacre! Featurette
- o It's In The Meat Featurette
- o On-Set short Subjects: Five-Minute Massacres
- o Alternate Opening
- o Digital Copy Included

"Texas Chainsaw" stars Alexandra Daddario, Dan Yeager, Trey Songz, Scott Eastwood, and Tania Raymonde. It was released on Blu-ray and DVD on May 14, 2013.

By [BRIAN TALLERICO](#) [10]

Content Director

HollywoodChicago.com

brian@hollywoodchicago.com [9]



[9]

Source URL (retrieved on *Apr 25 2024 - 8:19am*):

<http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/22165/blu-ray-review-texas-chainsaw-continues-to-diminish-legacy-of-original>

Links:

- [1] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/users/briantt>
- [2] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/alexandra-daddario>
- [3] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/blu-ray-review>
- [4] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/brian-tallerico>
- [5] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/hollywoodchicagodotcom-content>
- [6] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/texas-chainsaw>
- [7] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/tobe-hooper>
- [8] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/news/dvd-theater-tv-news>
- [9] <mailto:brian@hollywoodchicago.com>
- [10] <http://www.hollywoodchicago.com/about#BRIAN>