

Film Review: Pointless Trip Back to ‘Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising’

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CHICAGO – The original “Neighbors” was a funny enough movie, that still boasted at least a couple of big laughs. “Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising” only manages the occasional chuckle here and there. As far as big budget studio comedy sequels go, it’s not as bad as “The Hangover 2.” It’s more in line with “Ghostbusters 2”...a forgettable film driven solely by commerce that only serves to make the original look that much better by comparison.



Rating: **2.5/5.0**

This time around Mac (Seth Rogen) and Kelly (Rose Byrne) have a second baby on the way –and are selling their house – when a new sorority headed by Shelby (Chloe Grace Moretz) moves in next door. Worried that the sorority will spook the buyers, Rogen and company essentially perform a gender switcheroo remake of the first movie – first they try to play nice with the new girls next door, and then end up in an all out war.

“Neighbors 2” is weakest when it tries to recycle or regurgitate gags that worked in the first film – so Rose Byrne’s raunchy gross out gag is far less successful, and the reasoning behind shoehorning Zac Efron back into the mix seems faulty at best.

“Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising” opens everywhere on May 20th. Featuring Seth Rogen, Zac Efron, Rose Byrne, Dave Franco, Chloe Grace Moretz, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Selena Gomez and Hannibal Buress. Written by Andrew Jay Cohen, Brendan O’Brien, Nicholas Stoller, Seth Rogen and Evan Goldbert. Directed by Nicholas Stoller. Rated “R”



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Zac Efron and Seth Rogen in ‘Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising’
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