

Intelligence Extinct in Dopey 'Jurassic World: Dominion'

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Rating: **2.0/5.0**

CHICAGO – Intelligence goes extinct in this supremely dopey sixth installment of the Jurassic Park franchise. Not even the reunion of original stars Sam Neill, Laura Dern and Jeff Goldblum can counteract the law of diminishing returns and a lack of focus behind the camera as the film turns Dino after Dino into a deadening drumbeat of dull destruction.

The film begins with Dinosaurs now roaming the earth, perching on skyscrapers and running free on the wide open prairies. I can precisely pinpoint the moment when the film lurched over the line and let me in for just how dumb it could be, and that occurs early on when writer/director Colin Trevorrow tries to top the admittedly cool sight of lead actor Chris Pratt riding a motorcycle in a pack of Velociraptors. In the latest, Pratt is on horseback roping rogue Dinosaurs like he's on a cattle drive. Dumb-de-Dumb-Dumb.



Jurassic O.G.: Jeff Goldblum, Sam Neill & Laura Dern

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Laura Dern and Sam Neill rekindle their old chemistry, and Jeff Goldblum is along for the ride, but the three are saddled with performing some of the dumbest detective work this side of Scooby-Doo. DeWanda Wise is a new addition as a Han Solo type pilot for hire who joins their side,

and frequently displays the sense that our ostensible heroes fail to possess. The only one who comes away from best is Jeff Goldblum, who can make exclamations like “That’s Bananas!” and have just the right off kilter weirdness to be at least entertaining.

Jurassic Park should have been one, maybe two films, and the more sequels we get the more disposable they are. This film’s constant callbacks to the original only remind us that we probably should have stayed home and watched that one instead. At one point a character calls the operation a “total disaster.” I couldn’t agree more.

“Jurassic World: Dominion” opens in theaters everywhere on June 10th. Featuring Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard, Laura Darn, Sam Neill, Jeff Goldblum, DeWanda Wise, BD Wong, Campbell Scott and Isabella Sermon. Screenplay by Emily Carmichael and Colin Trevorrow. Directed by Colin Trevorrow. Rated “PG-13”



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