

Star Trek II Wrath of Khan

Main Facts

Year Made: 1982

Production Company: [Paramount Pictures](#)

Directed by: [Nicholas Meyer](#)

Written by: [Gene Roddenberry](#), [Harve Bennett](#)

Genre: [Action](#) | [Adventure](#) | [Sci-Fi](#)

Main Actors

1. William Shatner
2. Leonard Nimoy
3. DeForest Kelley

Major Plot Summary

It is the 23rd century. Admiral James T. Kirk is an instructor at Starfleet Academy and feeling old; the prospect of attending his ship, the USS Enterprise--now a training ship--on a two-week cadet cruise does not make him feel any younger. But the training cruise becomes a deadly serious mission when his nemesis Khan Noonien Singh--infamous conqueror from late 20th century Earth--appears after years of exile. Khan later revealed that the planet Ceti Alpha VI exploded, and shifted the orbit of the fifth planet as a Mars-like haven. He begins capturing Project Genesis, a top secret device holding the power of creation itself, and schemes the utter destruction of Kirk.

Financial Information

Budget:\$11,200,000 (estimated)

Money Made:\$97,000,000 (Worldwide)

Special Costs: First scene completely done with CGI

Major Quotes

Kirk: We are assembled here today to pay final respects to our honored dead. And yet it should be noted that in the midst of our sorrow, this death takes place in the shadow of new life, the sunrise of a new world; a world that our beloved comrade gave his life to protect and nourish. He did not feel this sacrifice a vain or empty one, and we will not debate his profound wisdom at these proceedings. Of my friend, I can only say this: of all the souls I have encountered in my travels, his was the most... human.

Kirk: Khan, you bloodsucker! You're going to have to do your own dirty work now! Do you hear me? Do you?

Khan: Kirk? Kirk, you're still alive, my old friend?

Kirk: Still, "old friend"! You've managed to kill just about everyone else, but like a poor marksman, you keep missing the target!

Khan: Perhaps I no longer need to try, Admiral.

David Marcus: Oh, no! Let go! He can't take it...!

McCoy: Damn it Jim, what the hell is the matter with you? Other people have birthdays, why are we treating yours like a

Historical Significance

Extended the movie franchise of Star Trek.

Advanced science fiction and the use of CGI.

Raised a major question of exploration v conquest

Filming Information

Filming Location: [Paramount Studios - 5555 Melrose Avenue, Hollywood, Los Angeles, California, USA,](#)

[Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California, USA,](#)

Special advance made in film. The first scene completely done in CGI

Source Material: TV Show by Gene Roddenberry

Composition/Music

Theme From Star Trek (TV Series)

Music by [Alexander Courage](#)

Amazing Grace (Scottish Bagpipes)
(uncredited)

Written by [John Newton](#)

Inane Trivia

Kirk and Khan never meet face to face during the movie. All of their interaction is through viewscreens or communicators. This was because [Ricardo Montalban](#) filmed his scenes separately from the main production in order to accommodate his schedule of filming [Fantasy Island](#) (1977).

In the DVD bonus feature "The Captain's Log", [Ricardo Montalban](#) says that once he committed to this film, he realized that he had trouble getting back into the character of Khan. After years of playing Mr. Roarke on [Fantasy Island](#) (1977), he found that he was "stuck" in that character. He requested a tape of [Star Trek: Space Seed](#) (1967) from Paramount, and proceeded to watch it repeatedly. By the third or fourth watching, he had recaptured the essence of Khan's character.

It has been widely debated that [Ricardo Montalban](#)'s chest was actually a prosthetic piece that he wore during the film. In the director's commentary in the special edition DVD, [Nicholas Meyer](#) is quoted as saying that it was, in fact, Montalban's actual chest and that he was a very muscular man who worked out. During publicity for the movie, during an appearance on The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson (1982) Montalban explained that he was able to achieve the look seen in the film by doing push-ups. "A lot of push-ups."

Accolades/Recognition

Won

Saturn Award

Best DVD Collection

For [Star Trek: The Motion Picture](#) , [Star Trek III: The Search for Spock](#) , [Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home](#) , [Star Trek V: The Final Frontier](#) and [Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country](#)

Won

Saturn Award

Best Actor

[William Shatner](#)

Best Director

[Nicholas Meyer](#)