

BIG SHOES TO FILL

It's been 15 years since the original strolled into theatres and enthralled audiences across the world. Because of how superb the original was, moviegoers were a bit apprehensive when it was announced that a sequel was on it ways so long after the first film was released. However, by the looks of things, Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon 2 should wash off any trepidation immediately, because it looks superb.

Unfortunately, the original lead, Chow Yun-fat, and its director, Ang Lee, are not returning for the sequel, which is rather disappointing, but simply seeing Michelle Yeoh's face is reminder that we're still in good company. Like the original, the sweeping and glorious visuals of the Chinese mountains perfectly mix with the operatic fight scenes, while Michelle Yeoh's Yu Shy Lien's narration teases that having been out of combat for several years she has now been lured back into violent action to stop the Green Destiny sword from falling into the wrong hands.

ALL-OUT WARFARE

A gritty cop drama is one thing, but Triple 9 is a whole other level. We're talking severed heads lined up on the trunk of a police cruiser, bullets flying everywhere, and tossing a Ziploc baggie full of bloody teeth at the people you have bound up in the back of your car, presumably to torture at some point. Once you look past the violence and depravity of it all, however, the next thing you can't

help but see is the absolutely fantastic cast. The credits include Casey Affleck, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Kate Winslet, Woody Harrelson, Aaron Paul, Gal Gadot, Teresa Palmer, Anthony Mackie, Clifton Collins Jr., and Norman Reedus. It's like a who's who of Hollywood, drawing from the worlds of both film and TV. This is sure to make for an intense cinema experience.



