

Batman looks neat, but this sequel doesn't fly

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NEW YORK — The hype surrounding the release of *Batman Returns* (Warner Bros.) turns out to be a lot of hot air.

Co-producer Tim Burton again directs Michael Keaton in the title role to this overwrought sequel of the 1989 blockbuster.

Gone are Jack Nicholson as the Joker and Kim Basinger as photojournalist Vicki Vale. In their stead is a fiendish Penguin (Danny DeVito), a whip-brandishing Catwoman (Michelle Pfeiffer) and a power-crazed magnate (Christopher Walken).

The grotesque little Penguin is out to find the parents who abandoned him as an infant, operating out of a subterranean base in the city's zoo with a gang of sideshow freaks at his beck and call.

An even more insidious enemy is Max Shreck (Walken), the ruthless industrialist bent on some mad scheme of siphoning off the city's energy supply.

When his secretary, Selina (Pfeiffer), learns of his plan, Max kills her. She is then transformed into the murderous Catwoman.

The problem is that during the day Selina returns as Max's secretary, then reverts at night to the avenging Catwoman.

Batman's alter ego, millionaire Bruce



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Danny DeVito is the villainous Penguin in *Batman Returns*.

Wayne, falls for Selina during the day, but her night-time persona as Catwoman is out to kill him.

Don't bother to try to make any sense out of any of this — certainly the movie doesn't and, as a result, their on-again, off-again relationship is as flat as the screen it plays upon.

Director Burton buys into the bigger-is-better philosophy for this sequel and it doesn't carry the picture for



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Batman (Michael Keaton) once more takes aim against crime in Gotham City in *Batman Returns*.

long. What's missing is the human element in a cartoon story with artificial thrills. Batman has absolutely no character development this time around. The Catwoman and Penguin are as beastly as they are ultimately boring.

What's left are the darkly alluring visuals which are eye-fuls, especially the highly stylized re-creation of Rockefeller Center and the Central Park Zoo. All else, however, is madly over-produced, from the haunting music score to the endless, extravagant explosions as the movie dissolves into mere mindless mayhem.

Viewers may be initially impressed by the big-budget production design and pyrotechnical special effects, but its unreality soon becomes tiresome. The original's perverse sense of humor doesn't catch on here either as the dia-

logue is more self-conscious than hip.

Disturbingly, the movie is being marketed to appeal to all ages. It is, however, adult material, not only because of the violence level and leering sexual asides, but because of its snickering attitude toward human life and values.

If this movie is — as Hollywood wants us to believe — the epitome of today's pop culture, it's all sound and fury. Sadly, it signifies only the emptiness of Tinseltown's dream factory.

Due to much stylized violence, some of it quite nasty, and occasionally blatant sexual innuendoes, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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