

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

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Cyborg

What stands approximately 13 inches tall, is beautifully sculpted and detailed, features striking color and pigment application and is made of solid polyresin?

Here's a hint. He was originally part of the New Teen Titans introduced in 1980, is part machine, was once a top-rated high school athlete and is currently a member of the Justice League.

If you guessed Victor Stone (aka Cyborg) you guessed right!

DC Collectibles presents its brand new Justice League Movie Cyborg Statue and boy-he's awesome!

Limited to 5,000 pieces (I received AP08) the statue comes carefully packaged in a large flip-top box decorated with color photos of the Cyborg Statue on three sides, a large JL logo on its top and on the back are color photos front views of the other JL movie members (The Flash, Wonder Woman, Superman, Batman, Aquaman and of course-Cyborg).

Inside the box the statue is wrapped in clear plastic and nestled in a two-part Styrofoam encasement protecting it from damage.

The Cyborg Statue stands on a special sculpted JL logo shield-shaped stand. The JL letters are raised above the stand as is the shield's edges and cut out between the JL letters is the JL's star symbol. It's quite impressive.

The large base with a small hole cut in the J (where the small rod on Cyborg's right foot slips into) allows the Cyborg Statue to stand securely in place.

Cyborg's head perfectly captures the likeness of actor Ray Fisher's face. Covering the left side of his face and most of the back of his skull is a cybernetic skull cap/mask fitting complete with a centered forehead blue light, a red left eye and a cylindrical left ear.

A chin strap covers his lower jaw that leads into a segmented neck and shoulder assembly complete with cable tendons, reinforced neck bones and vertebrae and open chest area between his metallic chest muscles where his alien energy rests.

The metallic chest muscles and collar bones extend to twin cybernetic shoulders and arms consisting of alien technology, hinges, cables, reinforced elbows and large, black metallic hands, both of which are clenched.

Cyborg's lower abdomen looks like a series of black ribs over layers of thin flexible metal cradling a red power source and the torso ends right at the hips complete with silver buttocks and crotch areas.

The silver, metallic upper legs sheaths fit around smaller black inner cables, wires and mechanics that make up the inner skeleton.

The silver and black knee joints are open and the legs are sheathed over the lower leg muscles.

Both ankles are exposed black machinery and Cyborg's feet are pivoted and segmented for mobility and feature a single large toe on each and larger silver segments next to them compensating for the other four toes on each foot.

Each area of the statue is intricately detailed from Cyborg's segmented and reinforced back ribs, large silver shoulder blades and back muscles, reinforced lower legs and the many wires, cables and electronic alien gear stud the entire statue.

The large metallic segments of his body are angular and look as they are trying to emulate the overlay of human muscles. Deep

grooves, lines and niches make up their surfaces.

It's a phenomenal piece of sculpting that perfectly duplicates the Cyborg movie figure down to the finest and last detail.

Cyborg has always been one of my favorite DC characters ever since I first saw him in DC Comics DC Presents #26 insert and latter in the original George Perez and Marv Wolfman New Teen Titans series.

Although a tragic character stripped of his physical human shell he still managed to keep his sense of humor and good attitude.

The movie version is a logical update to the original comic book design and while his origin was slightly modified for the movie it mostly stays true to his comic book origin.

The Justice Statue is the first DC Collectibles statue I have ever owned and after marveling at its quality I'm sure it will not be my last.



Justice League

I am super-excited! Due to family and health problems I was not able to watch the Warner Bros./DC Comics Justice League movie when it came to theaters.

It was tough. But, now that the Justice League movie is out on a Blu-ray/DVD/Digital Combo Pack I've finally got to see my favorite group of super-heroes at their finest.

Warner Bros. has been building up to this moment with its Batman, Superman and Wonder Woman movies. Add to the mix The Flash (played by a different actor than the one in The Flash TV show) and the introduction of Aquaman and Cyborg to the mix and you've got the perfect formula for a kick-your-behind movie!

Where else can you see classic DC heroes joined together to fight a common enemy? Other than the DC Comics TV shows.

When dark forces (and Para-demons) start manifesting themselves on Earth Bruce Wayne (Batman) takes notice. Wonder Woman joins him in an effort to muster up other 'heroes' to stop the threat.

At first the attempt is a little shaky but soon a coherent team is formed-minus the deceased Superman. Don't worry he shows up later.

Together the new Justice League takes on the movie's bad guy: Steppenwolf and his Para-demons.

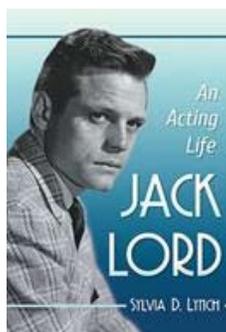
Steppenwolf is attempting to obtain three Mother Boxes (sentient computers) from Atlantis, the Amazon island and mankind, to bring about the destruction of Earth and its transformation into a fiery new world for his master Darkseid.

DC fans should recognize the bad guys taken directly from artist/writer Jack Kirby's Fourth World series which has become the foundation for the DC Comics Universe.

Watching Justice League is like witnessing the comic books come to life. There's humor, pathos, action, incredible fight scenes, spectacular visual and practical effects and so many DC Comics Easter Eggs fans will be talking about the film for years.

The Blu-ray/DVD/Digital Combo Pack also includes lots of extras like featurettes and much, much more! As a longtime DC Comics fan I absolutely love this movie.

I can't wait for the sequel, the Aquaman and Flash movies and the second Wonder Woman movie. DC Comics is here and the movie world will never be the same!



An Acting Life Jack Lord

The first time I witnessed Jack Lord acting was way back in the early 1960s when he starred in the TV Western Stoney Burke.

Although the show only lasted one season, Jack's acting and presence stuck with me.

As I grew older and watched more 'mature' movies I was surprised to see Jack Lord playing C.I.A. agent Felix Leiter in the first James Bond movie: Dr. No.

During the sixties I continued to see Lord in a number of small TV roles.

It wasn't until Hawaii Five-O came out in 1968 that I really got to witness Jack's acting chops.

The man was incredible as Steve McGarrett, head of the special crime-fighting force of Hawaii.

Over the 12 year run of the series Jack perfected the role and went on to be an international star.

Sadly in the late 1990s Jack passed away from dementia or Alzheimer's.

Although primarily know as McGarrett Jack's career as an actor spanned the stage, film and TV.

He was known as a consummate perfectionist expecting only the best out of performers-including himself. He did not tolerate fools lightly and yet he was a generous (it somewhat volatile) man who loved Hawaii and its people and became a huge promoter of the islands.

In author Sylvia D. Lynch's new book: An Acting Life Jack Lord, published by McFarland Publishing, Jack's impressive acting career is chronicled.

From his early days as bit player to his super-stardom as Steve McGarrett he never lost his focus or professionalism.

Drawn from Jack Lord's personal archives the book reveals the man behind the actor, his life, his career, his family and the impact he had on those around him and the acting community.

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Kids HearMuffs

Call me old-fashioned



but I don't remember the amount of loud noises everywhere when I was growing up.

It seems nowadays that wherever you go there are noise-lots of them-loud noises-unnecessary loud noises.

Radios blasting, movies that shake the theater with their soundtracks, traffic, sporting events, and shopping malls—there's no escaping loud noises.

As adults we tend to tune-out most of the noises-or at least we try to.

But, what about young children? Do they need to be bombarded from sound every second of every day? Whatever happened to quiet times?

kidmuffs.jpgAs a former teacher and a parent and grandparent I constantly warn kids (and their parents) that loud noises are detrimental to their child's (and their own hearing).

If I child is raised around loud noises from an early age it WILL have an effect on their hearing when they get older.

I can't count the times I used to have to repeat myself to my students because they could not hear me. And when I say repeat-I mean repeat what I said it loudly!

There is a solution, or least part of a solution.

The most logical solution is to avoid loud noise as much as possible. If that is not possible all the time then parents should consider Lucid Audio's Kids HearMuffs.

Here's how they work.

The smooth adjustable foam headphones slip over a child's head. They are adjustable for growing children and are made of kid safe material.

The padded ear phones muffle and tone down loud noises when cupped over a child's ears.

Made for kids five to ten years old the HearMuffs are perfect for keeping loud noises out at sporting events, concerts, movies or for establishing quiet times.

If it's important to parents that their child's hearing is preserved. The HearMuffs muffle noise and ensure that when the child grows to adulthood they continue to have great hearing.



Yu-Gi-Oh! Duelists Ancient Millennium and Legendary Collection Kaiba

What a great time to be a Yu-Gi-Oh! Trading Card Game fan and player!

Konami has released not one, but two, new YGO products that are guaranteed to live up any YGO game.

Just at look what is out.

The Shonen Jump Legendary Duelists Ancient Millennium Pack contains 5 Cards.

The Set contains 53 Cards:

- 8 Ultra Rares
- 8 Super Rares
- 10 Rares
- 27 Commons

The Legendary Collection Kaiba includes:

- 3 Mega Packs of 10 Cards:
- 4 Secret Rares
- 6 Ultra Rares
- 5 promotional Cards
- 1 Game Board

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