

= Stargate : Continuum =

Stargate : Continuum is a 2008 Canadian @-@ American military science fiction direct @-@ to @-@ video film in the Stargate franchise . It is the second sequel to television series Stargate SG @-@ 1 following The Ark of Truth . It is directed by Martin Wood , director and producer of many episodes of Stargate SG @-@ 1 and Stargate Atlantis , written by SG @-@ 1 and Atlantis creator Brad Wright , and produced by Wright and Ark of Truth director Robert C. Cooper .

The film is a time @-@ travel adventure in which Ba 'al travels back to 1939 to create an alternate timeline in which Earth never establishes their Stargate program , and to take control of the Goa 'uld Empire . The only people to remember the truth , the SG @-@ 1 team attempts to reinstate the original timeline . The film stars the main cast of the show 's last season , with the return of Richard Dean Anderson as Jack O 'Neill .

Continuum has garnered generally positive reviews from critics , earning both praise and criticism for its atmosphere , story , characters and graphic content . The production budget was \$ 7 million and the film grossed over \$ 8 million USD , less than the previous film that grossed over \$ 13 million . The film was released on both DVD and Blu @-@ ray Disc in the US on July 29 , 2008 and elsewhere in August 2008 , followed by a TV premiere on Sci @-@ Fi channel on April 3 , 2009 .

= = Plot = =

SG @-@ 1 and Jack O 'Neill attend a Tok 'ra extraction ceremony for Ba 'al , the last of the Goa 'uld System Lords . Ba 'al claims , however , that he is merely the last clone and that the real Ba 'al has a fail @-@ safe plan . The real Ba 'al travels back in time to 1939 Earth and massacres the crew of the Achilles , the ship carrying the Stargate to the United States ; the captain lives long enough to drop the bomb Ba 'al left overboard and keep the ship from being destroyed . In the present , people and objects start disappearing , including Vala Mal Doran and Teal 'c . Jack is killed by the clone , but Samantha Carter , Daniel Jackson and Cameron Mitchell reach the Stargate . They are surprised to emerge inside the derelict Achilles , which has drifted to the Arctic ? Ba 'al 's actions have created a timeline in which the Stargate Program never happened . After escaping from the sinking Achilles , they are rescued by a team led by Colonel Jack O 'Neill . Although General Landry believes their story ( after intensive interrogation ) , they are denied permission to change the timeline . In the alternate timeline , Daniel is still trying to convince people about his theories of the pyramids , Carter died in a space shuttle accident and Mitchell does not exist at all because his grandfather was the Achilles captain . The three are separated and given new lives to lead .

A year passes , and SG @-@ 1 is called back into action when Goa 'uld scoutships appear . Ba 'al has brought the other System Lords under his control and now stands ready to conquer Earth , with Qetesh , still residing in Vala 's body , as his queen and Teal 'c as his First Prime . SG @-@ 1 is brought to President Henry Hayes and General George Hammond , who inform them that , based on SG @-@ 1 's accounts , they have recovered the Antarctic Stargate and are excavating the Antarctic Ancient outpost to reach the weapon that saved Earth in the original timeline . SG @-@ 1 is sent in F @-@ 15s to McMurdo Station to gate to Proclarush Taonas , another Ancient outpost , to retrieve a Zero Point Module to power the Antarctic outpost .

Above Earth , Ba 'al 's armada arrives . To the displeasure of his subordinates , the other System Lords , Ba 'al announces that he will treat the Tau 'ri leniently . Suspicious about Ba 'al 's thorough knowledge of Earth , Qetesh betrays him and forces him to tell her everything . She orders the destruction of McMurdo and the Ancient outpost in Ba 'al 's name , but she kills Ba 'al when Teal 'c discovers what she is doing . As Teal 'c escapes to an Al 'kesh , Qetesh orders the fleet to bombard Earth , while she goes to secure Ba 'al 's time machine .

Amidst the massive Goa 'uld attack , SG @-@ 1 is rerouted to Russia , as the Russians had retrieved the Achilles ' Stargate from the ocean floor . Teal 'c arrives at the facility as well , seeking to use the Stargate to reach the time machine before Qetesh . The two sides agree to a truce and arrive together at Ba 'al 's time machine : a vast underground supercomputer connected to hundreds

of satellites that monitor solar flares that could intersect the wormhole formed by the Stargate ; the flares are necessary for time travel . SG @-@ 1 must wait for the right flare with which to journey to the past , but when Qetesh 's troops attack , they are forced to dial the Stargate to the year 1929 - ten years before their target date . Sam and Daniel are killed in the firefight , and only Mitchell reaches the Stargate before Teal 'c , mortally wounded , blows himself and Qetesh up . After a decade of waiting , an older Mitchell stows away on the Achilles and kills Ba 'al and his troops when they come through the Stargate . In the now @-@ restored timeline , SG @-@ 1 , completely unaware of the previous events , watch the extraction proceed without incident . On Earth , Daniel wonders what Ba 'al meant by his fail @-@ safe .

= = Cast = =

Ben Browder as Colonel Cameron " Cam " Mitchell and Mitchell 's grandfather , the captain of the Achilles

Amanda Tapping as Colonel Samantha " Sam " Carter

Christopher Judge as Teal 'c

Michael Shanks as Dr. Daniel Jackson

Claudia Black as Vala Mal Doran and Qetesh

Beau Bridges as Major General Henry " Hank " Landry

Richard Dean Anderson as Major General ( & Colonel ) Jonathan " Jack " O 'Neill

Cliff Simon as Ba 'al

Don S. Davis as Lieutenant General George Hammond

William Devane as President Henry Hayes

= = Production = =

Stargate : Continuum was written by Brad Wright and directed by Martin Wood . Some scenes for this film were already shot at the end of March 2007 , but the original start date was set for May 22 , 2007 at Vancouver 's Bridge Studios . The production budget was US \$ 7 million . Due to the postponement of this film until the 5th season of Stargate Atlantis was airing , there is a continuity error with Carter and Mitchell 's rank . In the ending credits they are listed as lieutenant colonels . However , when they fly the F @-@ 15s they are each wearing the rank of colonel . This is due to the fact that during filming producers realized that the film would probably be released after Carter character had been promoted on Atlantis . In the season 5 premiere of that show , Sam , already a colonel , leaves Atlantis to attend the extraction , thus setting this film about a year after The Ark of Truth .

The original draft for the film started with a view of the Tok 'ra city , but Brad Wright eventually decided that the film should start in Stargate Command ( SGC ) to show what SG @-@ 1 represented . When writing lines for the character Jack O 'Neill , Wright tried to write lines that felt " natural " and not " forced , " saying it was of major importance . The inclusion of many recurring characters from the series Stargate SG @-@ 1 was decided on to make old fans feel more " welcome " to the new film . The unnamed Captain of the Achilles ' dead body was originally supposed to be revealed when SG @-@ 1 traveled back to Earth ; Wright commented on the case , calling it " gross " . Richard Dean Anderson was not supposed to appear at the start of the film , where he was killed . According to Wright , he was only set to appear in the alternate timeline in Antarctica because that 's what Wright " asked him to do . "

Due to a scheduling conflict , actor Michael Shanks was unavailable to shoot the scenes in the Arctic . However , Jackson was on the boat with Cameron Mitchell and Samantha Carter in the preceding scenes . In order to make his disappearance plausible , Wright decided that Jackson would develop frostbite after stepping in water and be unable to continue with the others . When commenting on the dialogue scenes , Wright commented that scenes like that would be " cut off " because of the time constraints in the Stargate SG @-@ 1 and Atlantis episodes , and further commented that they could keep these scenes since the film is " longer " than the episodes .

The film includes scenes filmed at the U.S. Navy 's Applied Physics Laboratory Ice Station in the Arctic , 200 nautical miles ( 230 mi ; 370 km ) north of Prudhoe Bay , Alaska . These scenes feature Richard Dean Anderson , Amanda Tapping and Ben Browder . They were filmed from March 23 to 29 , 2007 . The film also features the USS Alexandria ( SSN @-@ 757 ) . The Arctic filming included scenes shot on the ice , scenes shot with the Alexandria as a backdrop , scenes shot on board the Alexandria , and shots of the Alexandria surfacing and submerging . Because of the minimal facilities , the Arctic scenes were filmed with only the three actors and a four @-@ man crew . Director Martin Wood worked as an extra in one scene ( as " Major Wood " ) , as did another member of the film crew . The captain of the Alexandria , Cmdr. Mike Bernacchi , and members of her crew played themselves . Barry L. Campbell , head of operations at the San Diego @-@ based U.S. Navy Arctic Submarine Laboratory , who had arranged the opportunity to film in Arctic , also appeared as a seaman . Writer Brad Wright also had a cameo appearance , as an F @-@ 15 pilot .

The film is dedicated to the memory of Paul McCann and Anthony Huntrod , who lost their lives during an accident under the ice cap on the submarine HMS Tireless ( S88 ) at the time of filming . The film took 19 days to shoot , plus five days of shooting in the Arctic ( they were there for seven days ) . The film , Continuum was placed in Guinness World Records in the category for farthest north film shoot .

= = Release and reception = =

The film premiered at San Diego Comic @-@ Con International on July 25 , 2008 , attended by the cast . The film was released on both DVD and Blu @-@ ray Disc on July 29 , 2008 . The film was also released on August 6 , 2008 in Australia and was released in the United Kingdom on August 18 , 2008 after being broadcast on the British TV channel , Sky1 on August 12 . On its debut in the United Kingdom and Ireland Stargate : Continuum received 543 @,@ 000 viewers , placing the film first in the top ten broadcasts for Sky One . The film would go on to gross over US \$ 8 million in the United States . The film premiered on Sci @-@ Fi Channel in the US on April 3 , 2009 .

A reviewer for Sky1 called the film a " thoroughly enjoyable romp . " Nix from Sci Fi Cool said in his review , " it ends exactly the same way that most , if not all , SG1 episodes usually end : It leaves you satisfied , and wanting more . " Reviewer Christopher Monfette of IGN gave the film 7 out of 10 and said it was a decent film , but ultimately did not meet the " level of great science fiction " . Don Houston from DVD Talk commented that the " budget was too low " for the writers to " support the ideas at hand " . Mark Wilson from About.com said the film was just another way for the producers to return to some of their favorite characters , but concluded that it was a " solid " film . Darren Sumner and David Read from GateWorld called it a " great movie " , and said it was even better than Stargate : The Ark of Truth . Dean Winkelspecht said it was " one of the better direct @-@ to @-@ video " releases that year .

Stargate : Continuum won the High @-@ Def Disc Awards 2008 category for Best Nontheatrical Blu @-@ ray . The film was nominated for 6 Constellation Awards in 2008 , the results were announced on July 11 , 2009 . The film won one award out of six nominations . Claudia Black received the award for " Best Female Performance in a 2008 Science Fiction Film , TV Movie , or Mini @-@ Series " for her portrayal of Vala Mal Doran . The film was also nominated for a total of 11 Leo Awards in 2009 . The results were announced on May 8 and 9 , 2009 , the film won three awards : Brad Wright won in the category " Best Screenwriting in a Feature Length Drama " , Michael Shanks won " Lead Performance by a Male in a Feature Length Drama " for his portrayal of Daniel Jackson and the three production crew members Paul Sharpe , Iain Pattison and Graeme Hughes won " Best Overall Sound in a Feature Length Drama " .

The two Stargate direct @-@ to @-@ DVD movies to date , Stargate : Continuum and Stargate : The Ark of Truth , were re @-@ released in the United States as a Double @-@ Pack DVD on March 3 , 2009 ; the Double @-@ Pack is also available on Blu @-@ ray . A third Stargate SG @-@ 1 film to follow Continuum has been permanently shelved . If made , it would have reportedly centered on the character of Jack O 'Neill and would be titled Stargate : Revolution .

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