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DerMensch24 - June 12, 2016, 11:52 pm

Robotech (Macross in Japan)

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Macross Poster: Spoiler ([Click to View](#))

Synopsis:

-Macross (Japan): Spoiler ([Click to View](#)) After a mysterious spaceship crashes into Earth, humanity realizes that they are not alone. Fearing a potential threat from space, the world pushes aside their nationalism, conflicting interests, and cultural differences, unifying under the banner of the United Nations. The newly formed UN forces decide to repurpose the alien spacecraft, naming it SDF-1 Macross. Unfortunately, on the day of its maiden voyage, a fleet of spaceships belonging to a race of aliens known as Zentradi descend upon Earth, and the SDF-1 Macross, acting of its own accord, shoots down the incoming squadron, sparking an intergalactic war.

In an attempt to escape, the Macross tries to launch itself into the Moon's orbit, but the ship—as well as the city was in—is teleported to the far reaches of space. Caught up in the mess are Hikaru Ichijou, a free-spirited acrobatic pilot, and Minmay Lynn, an aspiring idol. Together, alongside Macross's bridge officer Misa Hayase, they experience an epic journey rife with grief and drama as they begin their trek back to Earth, facing with the cruelties of war along the way.

-Robotech (US): Spoiler ([Click to View](#)) Made in America from multiple unrelated anime series including Super Dimensional Fortress Macross, Super Dimensional Calvary Southern Cross, Megazone 23, and Genesis Climber Mospeada. There was even a side story series entitled Robotech II: The Sentinels but it was dropped.

The First Season of Robotech is Titled, Robotech: The Macross Saga. Macross Saga follows the story of the Zentraedi Super Dimensional Fortress crash landing on a tiny island on Earth known as Macross Island. The UN Forces rebuild the ship and name it the SDF-1. The story follows rookie pilot Rick Hunter who accidentally ends up in a Veritech, transforming Fighter Jets used by the Robotech Defense Force, thanks to his long time friend Roy Fokker on the day the Zentraedi arrive at earth to reclaim the Super Dimensional Fortress. Rick is dragged along with the SDF-1 as well as the rest of Macross City as it Space Folds to lure the Zentraedi away from the Earth. Along the way Rick meets a singer named Lynn Minmei whom he quickly falls in love with (although the feeling is not mutual), cocky rookie pilot Ben Dixon, blue haired ace pilot Max Sterling, Executive Officer Lisa Hayes who ends up creating a love triangle between herself, Rick, and Minmei, and many other characters. Together, the SDF-1 learns about the Zentraedi's goals and weaknesses, and tries to save the Earth with love instead of fighting.

The Second season entitled Robotech: Masters follows the story of Dana Sterling, Daughter of Max, and the Army of the Southern Cross defending the Earth from the "parents" of the Zentraedi, the Robotech Masters. All the meanwhile, the Robotech Expeditionary Force (formerly the RDF) travel aboard the newly built SDF-3, with Rick and Lisa as the Admirals commanding it, to attack the Robotech Masters homeworld with the help of Zentraedi.

The Third season entitled Robotech: The New Generation continues from Masters. An alien race called the Invid invade Earth due to the events at the end of Masters. The Southern Cross Army is

weak from the attack of the Robotech Masters and is wiped out by the Invid. The REF is still out in space, they were designed to operate without the help of Earth. The story follows rebel forces trying to free the Earth from the control of the Invid. Robotech: Shadow Chronicles is a direct sequel to The New Generation.

Episodes: 36 (S1)

Aired: Oct 3, 1982 - Jun 26, 1983

Source: <http://myanimelist.net/anime/1088/Macross?q=macr>

I only watched Robotech, so therefore my opinion will be focused on that specifically, as it was adapted from Macross (however I do plan to watch the original Macross in the future). I watched this when I was younger and was one of my first anime (also one of my first video games on the PS2), however I was able to rewatch it a few years ago.

This was made roughly within the era of the whole mecha/sci-fi craze of the 70s/80s, however nevertheless it does stand out as a solid anime and for some I'd even argue its underappreciated for its time. While some characters may seem cheesy (many of the anime in this time do), the story and progression stay fairly consistent and definitely helped solidify the sci-fi scene in anime. I believe this anime also came out roughly a few years after the first Gundam, however despite the same genre this anime includes a more involved romance with the main characters. Overall, many things come together right to make this an anime worth watching.

As stated above I have not seen Macross, however assuming its as good or even better than Robotech I would highly recommend that you guys give it a go (although I know many of you prefer newer anime) ;)

Gladly - June 13, 2016, 8:57 am

Been meaning to watch Macross for a long time, haven't had the chance though. Plus, the fact that the art throws me off, the shading on the cels (or lack of shading) is really odd.

Lawful Evil - June 13, 2016, 7:39 pm

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DerMensch24 - June 13, 2016, 8:28 pm

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Will look into it :3 And ye, lot of popular anime always tend to have dozens of spin offs or even worse smaller "side-story" anime that try to prick at all the decent anime until everyone gets sick of them. However, sometimes the newer ones hold onto the same magic as the original and manage through