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DVD Review: Storm Hawks: Hawks Rise Again

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Storm Hawks: Hawks Rise Again

DVD Review

Sony Pictures Home Entertainment

Release: January 15, 2008

MSRP: \$16.97

Earlier this year, one of the most unique and enjoyable cartoons in a long time hit the Cartoon Network, Storm Hawks. Storm Hawks, for those who have never seen it, is an extremely enjoyable cartoon that is entertaining, action-packed, and puts forth some great-looking animation.

The show follows a group of teenagers who form a fighting squadron known as the Storm Hawks. These teenagers are not your typical kids though, as they end up saving the world of Atmos one day at a time.

The Storm Hawks are led by Aerrow, who is always out to prove himself and make a statement. He has his team with him as well who all add in varying styles including some humor, action, etc.

This show is geared for kids, but even as an adult myself I found that it was a great viewing experience from start to finish in every episode. The idea behind the show is that these kids fight all of the odds to be successful as the Storm Hawks, and make a difference in the world.

They of course have to go toe to toe with some serious bad guys. The main villain in the show is Master Cyclonis, a spider-looking creature. There is also a villain known as The Dark Ace.

Storm Hawks: Hawks Rise Again features four main episodes as well as a bonus episode.

These include...

- Age of Heroes Part 1
- Age of Heroes Part 2
- Gale Force Winds

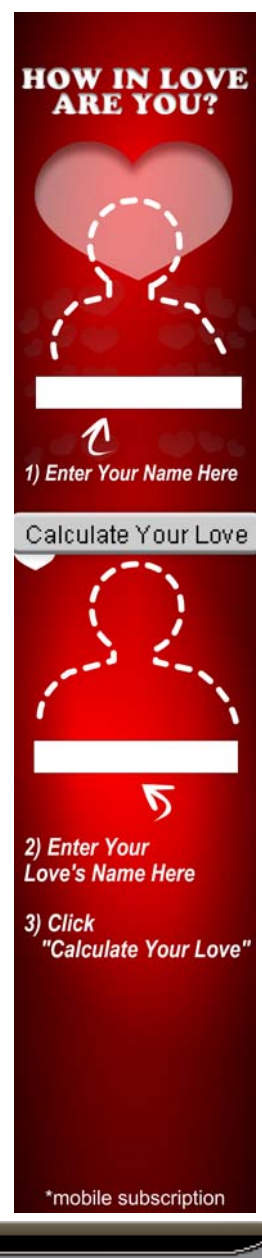
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- The Code
- Tranquility Now (Bonus Episode)

The video quality for this release is actually pretty impressive as the animation of the show is unique and extremely artistic. Characters have a very unique style to them, as does the entire show. The style of the cartoon gives it a very Western feel, but in a good way.

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The colors are crisp and have a lot of pop coming off of the screen. Another huge plus is that the episodes are presented in 1.78:1 anamorphic widescreen

The audio is presented in Dolby Digital and comes across pretty solid making good use of the [center channel](#) for clear and crisp presentation of the dialogue and action. The show is only available in English, but subtitles are available in English and Spanish.

In terms of special extras for the release, one huge thing that is packed into the release is an exclusive mini-comic. There is also the bonus episode already mentioned above. On top of these two things there are two features on the DVD which include Storm Hawks Squadron, and Storm Hawks Weapons. These focus, as you expect, on the Storm Hawks themselves and their weapons used.

Storm Hawks: Hawks Rise Again is a great [DVD release](#) for a great cartoon. The show packs a lot of action and [entertainment](#) which kids and adults alike are going to truly enjoy. It is also a valuable cartoon in that it promotes good lessons to kids as well while not just focusing on mindless action. The episodes are solid, and the special extras are nice add-ons. Storm Hawks: Hawks Rise Again is a must buy on DVD for kids, and even for adults who love cartoons.

Episodes: 9.0

A great set of episodes with good introductions for the characters, action, and more.

Video: 8.5

The animation looks great on DVD with solid colors and a clear [video transfer](#).

Audio: 8.0

The audio quality sounds good as the music, [special effects](#), and voices all come across well in Dolby Digital.

Special Features: 8.0

The packed-in mini-comic is a nice bonus, as is the bonus episode and features!

Final Score: 8.5

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