

Comanche Stallion

Comanche Stallion is a 2005 western fantasy film that John Ford had wanted to make, and is based on the 1958 book written by Tom Millstead. As both producer and screenwriter, octogenarian Harry Carey Jr. announced that it would be the "final film" of his career.

Background

The main cast consists of multiple-award-winning icons of the Western film genre: James Arness, best known for his 20 years as Marshal Matt Dillon in the television series Gunsmoke, had worked with Ford on Wagon Master (1950), Hondo (1953), and the 1955 television series Wide Wide World; Harry Carey Jr. had worked on more than a dozen Ford westerns, as well as with Arness on Gunsmoke and Wagon Master; Rance Howard had worked on a number of westerns, as well as with Arness on Gunsmoke; Robert Carradine is also a veteran of the genre, having started with Bonanza in 1971 and with John Wayne in The Cowboys in 1972. John Ford had wanted to make this film but other commitments and failing health prevented it. Wishing to honor Ford, author Tom Millstead contacted Clyde Lucas and Harry Carey Jr., who became producers. Carey then contacted his life-long friend James Arness who completed voice narrative in 2003. octogenarian Harry Carey Jr. has stated that this is his final film.

Reception

*Harry Carey Jr., during a March 2003 interview with IGN: When asked "What is your next project?", Carey replied, "Comanche Stallion. This will be my last Western and a film John Ford wanted to make.". When asked "What is the one project that you've always wanted to do, but have yet to be able to?", Carey replied, "Comanche Stallion since 1963."

*BMonster: "You say they don't make 'em like they used to? Don't tell that to Harry Carey Jr., who is mounting a production that 'will be filmed in the tradition of John Ford.'"

Cast

*James Arness as Adjutant General

*Harry Carey Jr. as Miles Flynn