

# Natasha Richardson's fun day of skiing turns into a fatal accident

by Eirene Skocos

March 18, 2009 marks the day Natasha Richardson passed away from a skiing accident. She was on the beginners slope with a private instructor. As she was going down the slope she was fine. When she got to the near sections of the bottom called the flats she fell, but got up and was fine. She was accompanied back to her hotel but not on a stretcher she was fine. An hour after the fall she complained of having a headache.

The thing is she isn't the only one who suffered from this. It is actually something 1.4million people suffer from according to Oliver Jones writer for people magazine. According to California Brain Injury Association 50,000 people die from it and the injuries result just from regular falls like Richardson. Dr. Jeff

Victoroff, Associate Professor of Neurology at USC's school of Medicine stated "There is no telling what the forces are that were applied to her head, People underestimate the enormous amount of physical force that can be generated by nothing more than a standing level fall."

She was taken to the nearby hospital Centre Hospitalier Laurentin and then later during the day she was taken to Sacre Couer Hospital in Montreal in the intensive care unit.

Natasha Richardson was born May 11,1963 in London, England UK. She was born into a famous family her mom, Oscar winner Vanessa Redgrave and dad British director Tony Richardson. She first got her debut role in 1986 as Mary Shelley in Ken Russell's movie Gothic. That performance caught the eye of

director Paul Schrader, where she got the title role in Patty Hearst. From then her career took off making A- list actress, winning best actress award in 1990 Richardson and for Widow's Peak(1994), starring Mia Farrow and Joan Plowright, she won the Best Actress Award at the 1994 Karlovy Vary Festival. She was in movies such as A Month in the Country (1987), Fat Man and Little Boy (1989) and many more.

Then in 1994 she co-starred in Nell with Jodie Foster and husband Liam Neeson and in 1998 she co-starred with Dennis Quad and Lindsay Lohan in the Parent Trap. Her other known films are Blow Dry and Maid in Manhattan along side Jennifer Lopez. Her latest movie was 2008s Wild Child.

## Lights camera action,again? Movie sequels of the past and present

by Omar Abbas

According to thefreedictionary.com a sequel is 'Something that follows; a continuation'. Sequels to a director can be the one thing that makes or breaks his/her movie career.

Sophomore student Victor Rivera says, "sometimes directors make too many sequels that it starts to become more stupid, and make less sense".

"Transformers 2 Revenge of the fallen" is an upcoming sequel from the box office hit Transformers. When Transformers was released in July 3 2007 it was an immediate must see movie. Transformers 1 had received 7.4 stars out of 10 from the web site www.imdb.com. This June its sequel transformers 2 revenge of the fallen is set to come out. It has the same cast as the last movie so viewers won't have to adapt to a new cast.

Many of the transformers 1 movie fans have very high hopes and expectations for this movie. Cisco cespon a sophomore had said "the first one was pretty good they can't do anymore with the animation, but they can take out the drama scenes and put in more action scenes."

Another movie that has been released and is a sequel "Fast and the Furious 4". . It has actors VIN diesel, Paul walker and jordana Brewster.Christopher Caraballo "it was a good movie this movie was before Tokyo drift so it took it back all the way to the beginning, there's allot of action but personally i thought there wasn't enough racing. i would have to say this was the best sequel."

Some can tell most of the directors now have started a pattern. They use the same actors that they have had in there last movie. Sophomore Giananthony Damasco says, "I think that

directors should keep the actors and actresses that they have in the last movie because than viewers wouldn't have to adapt to new people."

Here are what a handful of students feel about movie sequels. Jamie Torney sophomore "movie sequels can get annoying because we should have an ending and just call it a day unless it's a catchy movie and therefore it should continue."

Georgina Papazafropoulos sophomore stated "I feel like there is nothing like the original." Erin o driscell sophomore agreed with Georgina and stated "sometimes the original movies are better than the sequel."

So this summer go out and watch these movies and see if the directors made a good choice with the sequel. These are a few steps a person can do in order to make a good sequel from the web site www.ehow.com.

**Step 1-** Remember how the first movie ended. The climax and falling action should probably tie in to the plot of the sequel. In fact, the falling action may very well set up the plot of the sequel.

**Step 2-** Craft a whole new storyline. Obviously, the story might be a tad similar to the first because it revolves around the same characters and theme, but make sure the direct external conflict and the surrounding events are different.

**Step 3-** Develop a new internal conflict for at least one, if not more, of the characters. This drives the story as much as external conflict. However, most internal conflicts are resolved in the first movie and it's very difficult

to create new ones.

**Step 4-** add at least one new character to the main cast. The audiences always want to see a different person, and adding a new personality can help create your movie's new conflicts, both external and internal.

**Step 5-** Keep in mind what made the first movie such a success. This is the one thing you do want to make sure is also part of your sequel. Here's a hint: it's usually the personalities of the characters.

### Top 10 worst movie sequels from web site [www.the-top-tens.com](http://www.the-top-tens.com)

- 10) Superman 4 the quest for peace
- 9) Jason x
- 8) Blues brothers 2000
- 7) Staying alive
- 6) Speed 2 cruise control
- 5) Weekend at Bernie's 2
- 4) Book of shadows Blair witch 2
- 3) Basic instinct 2
- 2) Dumb and dumberer when harry met Lloyd
- 1) Batman and robin

### Top 10 best movie sequels from web site [www.kidzworld.com](http://www.kidzworld.com)

- 10) Wayne's world 2
- 9) Ghost busters 2
- 8) Spider man 2
- 7) back to the future 2
- 6) X men the last stand
- 5) Toy story 2
- 4) Lord of the rings return of the king
- 3) Indiana Jones and the last crusade
- 2) Godfather 2
- 1) Star Wars Empire strikes back