

Adventures of Johnny Tao

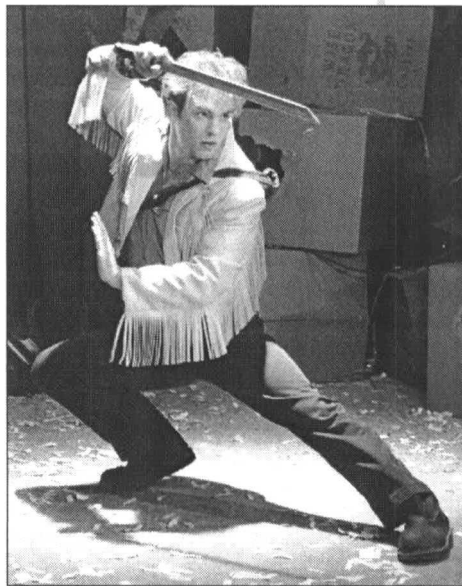
There's terrific pedigree in this action fantasy, including the director, Kenn Scott (he was Raphael the Ninja Turtle); Marcus Young (xxx: *State of the Union*), credited as the "action producer"; and the CGI producer Richard Kidd (*The Matrix*, *Titanic*). The reported \$1 million budget is all on the screen in this fast-moving saga involving an ancient magic spear, which has wound up as an ornament on desert garage attendant/Kung Fu fan Johnny Dow's (Matthew Twining) electric guitar. An evil spirit wants the amulet and transforms a band of bikers into crazed zombies to do its bidding. The lively fight sequences are a lot of fun, some of them using wire work and all of them showcasing superbly edited stunts.

Shelf Talk: MTI is rightly putting a push behind this impressive pickup, targeting martial arts magazines and other venues where the demographic is likely to reside (YouTube, MySpace, movie blogs, etc.). —*Buzz McClain*
Color, PG-13 (fighting violence), 90 min., DVD \$24.95

Extras: commentary, behind-the-scenes footage, deleted scenes, music video
Director: Kenn Scott
First Run: DVD premiere

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> **A family action-adventure that's entertaining for all ages.**



Matthew Twining takes on the baddies in *Adventures of Johnny Tao*.

