

## **'The Sarah Connor Chronicles' -- Take Back the Future**

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*There is no reason you would know this, but I am a big 'Terminator' fan. I loved the first movie, went completely crazy over the second and, well, have mostly learned to like the third. To me, this is one of the greatest series of action movies ever made and they will always hold a special place on my DVD shelf. Like the rest of the world, when I heard that there was going to be a Terminator series I had one real question. WHY! This is a great series of movies, why ruin it with a TV show that we all know can't be as good. You don't have the necessary budget for TV and you don't have time to get the action scenes just right. So why bother trying?*

*As details were released I found that it didn't sound as bad as I thought it might. Then I heard the casting and started to change my mind. I only knew a few of the cast members, but the fact that they cast Summer Glau into the series helped change my opinion. I have been a HUGE fan of hers since the very first episode of 'Firefly' and was happy to see her have a regular guest spot on 'The 4400.' To me her casting said that the producers might actually be able to pull this off.*

*This weekend at Comic-Con International a room full of lucky people were able to see the first episode and sit in on a panel with some of the stars, writers and producers. Unfortunately for me, I had other commitments at the time so I had to miss the screening but I was able to get a few minutes with most of the stars before they went on stage. I would have loved to have more time, but with the time constraints that were on everyone we only had about 6 minutes with each set of people.*

*First up we were introduced to Lena Headey (Sarah Connor) and Thomas Dekker (John Connor). Maybe it was the lack of caffeine, but I didn't pick up on who Thomas was. If I had I would have probably geeked out on 'Heroes' for a while. Since time was so short we jumped right into the questions.*

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Richard: I like stunt doubles. I am more than happy to let them do all the dangerous work.

Summer: With movies you can take weeks to do one scene and make sure that it is perfect. We don't have that luxury. If my stunt double can do something faster and better than me, then I let her. Given the option, I want to and like to do my own stunts. With 'Serenity' I did 95% of my own stunts and I am glad that I did.

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