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**Rated:** PG-13 for violence.**Genre:** Action Adventure  
Romance**Directed By:** Russ Emanuel**Running Time:** 15 Minutes**Review by:** Felix Vasquez Jr.**Review Date:** 1/14/06**DVD Features:**

Trailer

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## GWG: GIRL WITH GUN

**The Good:** You think your girlfriend is cool? Try having one who is a hit man. Talk about multi-tasking when you can handle a social life, a dating life, and a business and make it home in time to relax. In the spirit of films like "True Lies", and "La Femme Nikita", "Girl with Gun" has the raw style of Besson dripping from the screen (There's even a clever reference to "La Femme Nikita" with Gwen trying to stay on a date while making a hit), with a bit of fun thrown in for good measure. The life of a hit man is never easy, that's for damn sure--not that I would know--and if you did, I'd have to kill you. Gwen Hunter (Appropriate name) is a hit man with the codename "Nightingale" who has found killing drug dealers, and mob bosses to be too monotonous and the profession just isn't working for her anymore, and now seeks to romance a man who could possibly offer a life of stability for her.

"Girl With Gun" gladly never takes itself too seriously offering up a slightly sitcom-ish sequence in which Gwen is on her date with her fella and goes out in to the back alley to lose a fight to her arch-nemesis and then returns with a bruised up face much to her date's chagrin. With the wrong actors, this could have been a cheesy scene, but Holloway and O'Connor insert the right talent to make it believable. O'Connor is definitely hot and I could see her starring in the feature length film, and she adds enough vulnerability and utter ballsy rage that make her a likable character. And the fact she's a super-skilled hit man seeking romance and stability in life make her a truly three-dimensional human character. Emanuel's direction is sleek and bright and stylish just enough for "Girl With Gun" to keep our attention. And if that won't do it, three words: O'Connor in Body Suit.

**Summing up:** 'Tis a sad day (and refreshing) when a fifteen minute action short is better than any big budget action junk I've seen in years. Though slightly cheesy with skittish choreography, "Girl with Gun" is a sleek, fun, and exciting action short with good acting, and a story that has the potential for a full length action flick. And then there's O'Connor in a body suit. Take note, Hollywood.

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