HALLOWEEN HORROR FILM FESTIVAL 2024



NWARDS

BEST ACTOR

NORMINEES

RENTERS
BLACK SAMPHIRE
THE FIREPLACE
GRIMACE
STAY
RETRIBUTION

WINNERS

RENTERS: BROOK WARREN

GRIMACE: SOFIA WORSLEY - SPECIAL MENTION







BEST WRITER

NORMINEES

BLACK SAMPHIRE

THE FIREPLACE

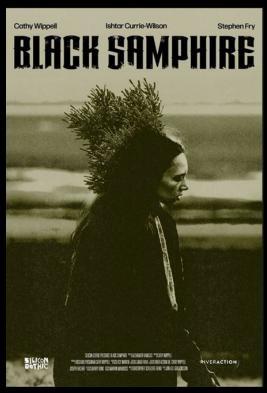
GRIMACE

THE STAY

SPECIAL MENTION: GRIMACE

WINNER: BLACK SAMPHIRE - CATHY WIPPELL





BEST DIRECTOR

NORMINEES

THE FIREPLACE
THE STAY
I WON'T BE LONG, LOVE
FIVE TURNS
GRIMACE
BLACK SAMPHIRE

SPECIAL MENTION: GRIMACE

WINNER: FIREPLACE - BEN DALY





BEST SCORE

NORMINEES

BLACK SAMPHIRE

WON'T BE LONG, LOVE

FIVE TURNS

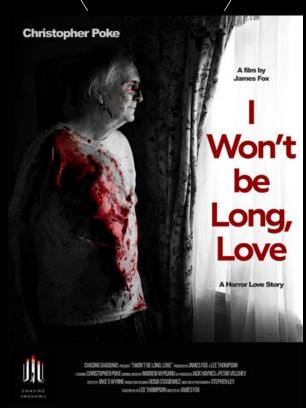
GRIMACE

THE STAY

SPECIAL MENTION: GRIMACE

WINNER: WON'T BE LONG, LOVE





BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY

NORMINEES

BLACK SAMPHIRE
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THE R.I.P MAN
THE STAY
GRIMACE

SPECIAL MENTION: BLACK SAMPHIRE

WINNER: FIVE TURNS





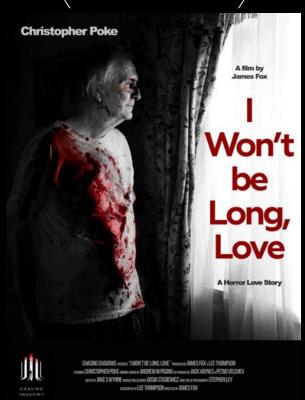
NORMINEES I WON'T BE LONG, LOVE GRIMACE

THE BRIDES OF DRACULA
THE FIREPALCE

SPECIAL MENTION: GRIMACE

WINNER: I WON'T BE LONG, LOVE





BEST SPECIAL FX

NORMINEES

GRIMACE
I WON'T BE LONG, LOVE
THE BRIDES OF DRACULA

DAUGHTERS OF EVIL

THE BRIDES OF DRACULA

SPECIAL MENTION: THE BRIDES OF DRACULA

WINNER GRIMACE



BEST ANIMATION

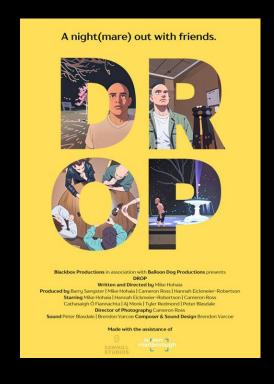
NORMINEES

PUMPKIN SMASHERS
THE FIREPLACE
THE STAY
ANTI-SOCIAL

SPECIAL MENTION - ANTI-SOCIAL

WINNER - DROP





BEST OVERALL ULTRA SHORT FILM NORMINEES

SHEEP BROTHER

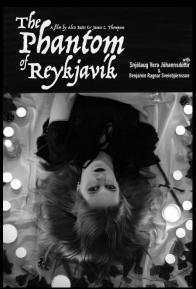
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SPECIAL MENTION: BLASTIC

WINNER: PHANTOM OF REYKJAVÍK





BEST OVERALL FILM **NORMINEES BLACK SAMPHIRE** THE STAY GRIMACE

SPECIAL MENTION : GRIMACE

WINNER: THE FIREPLACE





HAKAN BESIM – Organiser & Judge

Hakan Besim, an experienced filmmaker, is known for blending intense emotion with supernatural and psychological themes, particularly in horror. He recently collaborated with actress and writer Miranda Magee on *The Purity of Wrath*, a horror short filmed in West Sussex, showcasing his skill in exploring complex emotions against suspenseful backdrops. Besim, who began the Halloween Horror Film Festival as early as 2005, is recognised for his atmospheric storytelling and dedication to independent filmmaking.

MICHAEL BARTLETT — Judge

Michael Bartlett is a director who grow up watching and being inspired by 70s suspense films, he was a regular contributor to the horror genre with his films like The Zombie Dairies and Tree House. His influence includes the twilight Zone, Tales of the Unexpected and Alfred Hitchcock presents. As a judge for this film festival, Bartlett brought his horror expertise to the selection process, providing a valuable perspective in evaluating films within the genre he knows so well.

SAM KARLSSON — Judge

Sam Karlsson, Head of English at a local grammar school, is an accomplished educator, writer, and judge for this film festival. An expert in Gothic literature, he has collaborated with Professor Andrew Green from Brunel University on this supernatural subject. Known for his thoughtful storytelling, Karlsson gained recognition in 2017 with his short film The Woman, starring Kate and Malcolm Strafford. The film explores themes of identity and societal roles, reflecting his nuanced understanding of human relationships. His writing merges literary depth with keen insights, resonating across both educational and creative spaces.

MIRANDA MAGEE - Compère

Miranda is a dedicated actress and writer with a strong background in performance and storytelling. She began her acting journey in 1996 at the Birmingham School of Acting (formerly the Birmingham School of Speech and Drama), completing an intensive three-year course. In 2009, she expanded her skills by training in Musical Theatre at the London School of Musical Theatre, where she completed a selective one-year program.



Since then, Miranda has deepened her craft by extensively studying the Meisner Technique with The Salon Collective in London, completing Stages 2, 3, and Text Analysis, and she continues regular training with them. For Miranda, ongoing development is essential to an actor's growth.

Her theater credits feature prominent roles such as the Ghost of Christmas Present in A Christmas Carol at the Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks, Lillian in Bluebeard at The Lion Unicorn Theatre, Taddy Jo in The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas at the Landor Theatre, Hilary Van Zale in the national tour of Fatal Encounter, and Evilia Hardup in Cinderella at the Civic Theatre in Doncaster.

On screen, Miranda has led in feature films including Jacquelyn in Scarred, Princess Elizabeth in The Travelling Companion, Sarah in The Ghost of Life, and Woman in Marriage, the latter earning her the Best Actress award at the NYC Indie Film Awards during the 2017 festival circuit.

Her short film roles include Alice Moore in A Bad Combination, Natalie in In the Shadow in The Light, the Adulteress in The Providence Tape, Ava in Façade, and Hazel in The Kiss of a Wolf.

As a writer, Miranda has penned scripts for short films like A Bad Combination, Deadly Deceit, and The Kiss of a Wolf. Her most recent work, Already Dead, which she also produced and directed, is ready for the festival circuit. She has recently collaborated with filmmaker Hakan Besim on The Purity of Wrath, a horror short filmed on location in Pulborough, West Sussex. Miranda not only starred in the film and assisted with production but also wrote the script. The story centers on a woman grappling with her mother's death; in an attempt to contact her spirit through a Ouija board alongside

a friend hiding a dark secret, they unwittingly summon the demon Asmodeus, the Demon of Wrath, who exacts a vengeful toll. The film is currently in post-production.

A BREEZE APOCALYPSE

Synopsis: On their way to a supposedly safe place, a mother and

her daughter try to survive the outbreak of a zombie virus.

Duration 00:10:15

Country of Origin: Switzerland

Directors: Damian Schmidt

Writers: Damian Schmidt

Producers: Conny Giammarresi

Key Cast: Enya Pfammatter, Nelia Eggel

Other Credits: Music: Neo Smith



ANTISOCIAL

Synopsis: I am the hero, I'll remain, See only me, push you away,

Embrace destruction, face the pain, Transforming swiftly in my own domain! Blind to my path, antisocial in my reign.

Duration 00:02:25

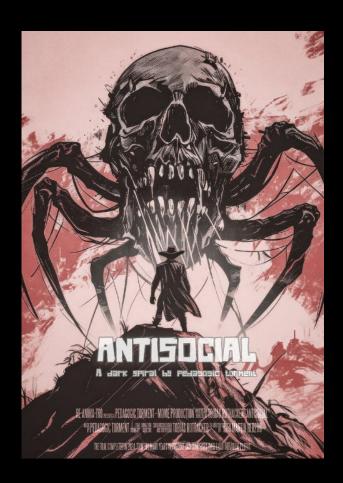
Country of Origin: Germany

Directors: Tobias Rothacker

Producers: Tobias Rothacker

Other Credits: Created by: Tobias Rothacker; Creative Consultant: Martin

Herzog



BABYJITTER

Synopsis: Late at night, Jenny, a babysitter with a bad attitude,

slacks off from her duties. When she hears a strange noise she goes to investigate and discovers she should have

been vigilant.

Duration 00:03:38

Country of Origin: United Kingdom

Directors: Marius Smuts

Writers: David Kline

Producers: Marius Smuts, David Kline

Key Cast: Heather Smy, Howard Gardner, Hugo Harry

Other Credits: VFX: Howard Gardner; Makeup: Jo Chang;

Cinematography: Werner Van Peppen; Gaffer



BAD DOG

Synopsis: A man down on his luck and in need of cash takes a job as

a dog sitter, only to discover that the dog is far from what

he anticipated, leading to horrific consequences.

Duration 00:07:19

Country of Origin: United Kingdom

Directors: Marius Smuts

Writers: Marius Smuts

Producers: Marius Smuts

Key Cast: Donald Polson, Howard Gardner, Jo Chang-Smuts

Other Credits: VFX: Howard Gardner; Edited: Marius Smuts; Makeup: Jo

Chang



BIT€

Synopsis: a first date gone wrong

Duration 00:02:22

Country of Origin: United States

Directors: Mateo Gonzalez

Writers: Mateo Gonzalez

Producers: Mateo Gonzalez

Key Cast: Christine Eastman, Mateo Gonzalez

Other Credits: Music: Zsowe



BLACK SAMPHIRE

Synopsis: In a rural village poisoned by polluted waters, a couple on

the brink of collapse must face the consequences of

ignoring the signs.

Duration 00:13:50

Country of Origin: United Kingdom

Directors: Alexander Vanegas - Sus

Writers: Cathy Wippell

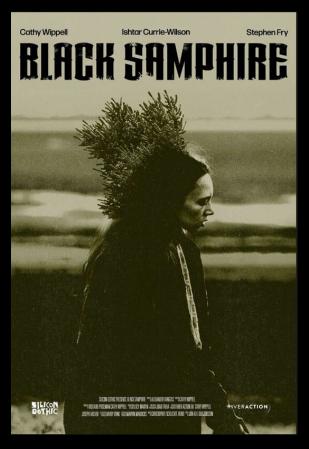
Producers: Cathy Wippell, Richard Priseman

Key Cast: Ishtar Currie-Wilson, Cathy Wippell, Stephen Fry

Other Credits: Executive Producers: Joseph Archer, James Wallace (on

behalf of River Action UK); Cinematographer: Joao Faria; Production Designer: Lucy Martin; Makeup: Kate Williams,

Chiara Mallardo; Costume: Jameliah Adekunle.



BLASTIC

Synopsis: Dracula's discovers his food supply is in jeopardy and thus

Renfield and Dracula set out on an eco friendly quest in

pursuit of fresh blood.

Duration 00:03:12

Country of Origin: United States

Directors: Adam Wademan, Carolina Sanchez

Writers: Adam Wademan

Producers: Rachel Addams, Adam Wademan

Key Cast: Aaron Beal, Adam Wademan, Peter Wagner

Other Credits: Film Score/Music: Jonathan Leach; Director of

Photography: Carolina Sanchez; Second Camera

Cinematography: Kevin Bible.



BLASTIC PART 2 - A DRACAROL

Synopsis: After Dracula falls into a coma from drinking polluted

blood, Renfield must find a way to take down one of the

biggest polluters of all time on Christmas Eve.

Duration 00:11:25

Country of Origin: United States

Directors: Adam Wademan

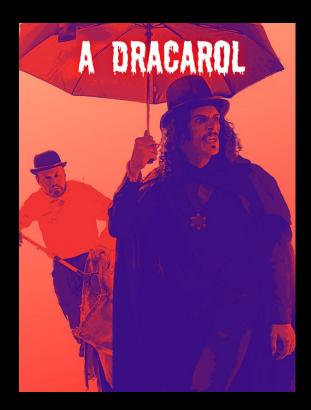
Writers: Adam Wademan

Producers: Rachel Addams

Key Cast: Aaron Beal, Adam Wademan, Ben Summers, Sarah

Paradise

Other Credits: Music/Score: Nick Jimenez



BROTHER

Synopsis: Halloween, 1988. A boy conjures a spirit from his past.

Duration 00:03:53

Country of Origin: Australia

Directors: Myles McEwen, Ripley Stevens

Writers: Myles McEwen

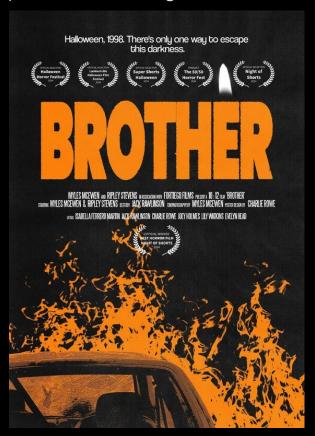
Producers: Fortiego Films, 10:12

Key Cast: Ripley Stevens, Myles McEwen

Other Credits: Best Boy: Jack Rawlinson; Extras: Charlie Rowe, Isabella

Ferrero Martin, Jack Rawlinson, Joey Holmes, Lily Watkins,

Evelyn Head; Poster Designer: Charlie Rowe.



CHUREL'S CURSE

Synopsis: Tom, a painter, receives a mysterious WhatsApp message

featuring an eerie image of a churel, a vengeful spirit. The message warns him to forward it to ten people—or face the curse. Brushing it off as a prank, Tom soon finds himself

trapped in a terrifying.

Duration 00:04:26

Country of Origin: United Kingdom

Directors: Arun Ramanathan

Writers: Arun Ramanathan

Producers: Arun Ramanathan

Key Cast: Callum Watson, Rosy Hunt



COLLIDE

Synopsis: An emotionally tired and mentally weak man follows a

bloodied, moaning figure as it stumbles around an

abandoned area. An injured woman runs in fear, looking for help as she reaches this location. But what will happen

as these characters inch closer to each other...

Duration 00:07:12

Country of Origin: United Kingdom

Directors: Danny Cotton

Writers: Danny Cotton

Producers: Laura Dodds

Key Cast: Peter Long, Vanessa McAuley, Ryan Livermore



CYBER SCHEME ATTIC

Synopsis: Penelope Paterson fights her way to the blue prince's attic,

to finally come face to face with the self-proclaimed monarch and his latest creation. A fun, dark, action

adventure with puppets.

Duration 00:05:00

Country of Origin: United Kingdom

Directors: Alex Challies

Writers: Alex Challies, Alastair Railton

Producers: Alex Challies

Key Cast: Eleanor Beck, James Grant, Duncan Falconer

Other Credits: Director of Photography: Alex Challies; Sound recordist /

sound design: Richard W. Scott; Puppet design & creation: Eleanor Beck; Puppeteers: Eleanor Beck, James Grant; Special effects makeup, teddy bears & pyrotechnics:

Wayne Thompson; 1st assistant director.



DAUGHTERS OF EVIL

Synopsis: In 1966, a girl group consulted a spirit board in order to find

the perfect band name. They got one, Daughters of Evil, but they also got possessed by demons. Decades later, a YouTuber accidentally summons the band to the land of

the living by playing their album backwards.

Duration 00:12:15

Country of Origin: United States

Directors: Adam Taylor, Natasha Malone

Writers: Natasha Malone

Producers: Natasha Malone, Adam Taylor, Rob Neilson

Key Cast: Natasha Malone, Jenessa Michelle Soto, Ariel Ditta, Joe

Grisaffi, Michael Pascetta, Taylor Shaye



DROP

Synopsis: Drop is a hallucinatory night (mare) out with friends.

Chased by shadowy figures, a man tries to outrun both his

past and present.

Duration 00:04:34

Country of Origin: New Zealand

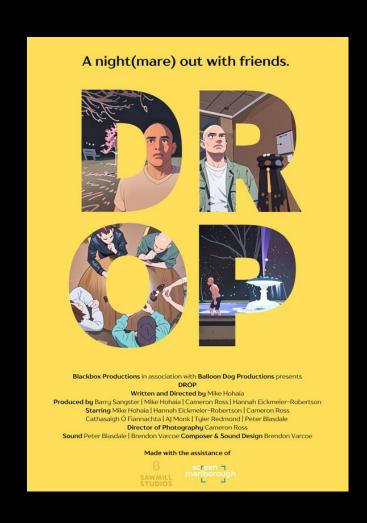
Directors: Mike Hohaia

Writers: Mike Hohaia

Producers: Mike Hohaia, Hannah Eickmeier-Robertson, Barry Sangster,

Cameron Ross

Key Cast: Mike Hohaia, Hannah Eickmeier-Robertson, Cameron Ross



FIVE TURNS

Synopsis: Struggling, Alyssa turns to a non-traditional treatment as a

cure. It's only stipulation is a strict rule: five turns only.

Duration 00:08:40

Country of Origin: United Kingdom

Directors: Sam Dixon, Sixto Perea Rubio

Writers: Sam Dixon



GRIMACE

Synopsis: A family struggle to survive a deadly spore cloud while

traversing the unforgiving Canadian wilderness.

Duration 00:13:02

Country of Origin: Canada

Directors: Paul James Thompson

Writers: Paul James Thompson

Producers: Noah Dorsey, Evan Riley Brown, Paul James Thompson

Key Cast: Austin Let the Right One In, Black List Iredale, Nikki-Lee

Kriszta, Anya Gibson, Sofia Worsley.



HAUNTING DREAMS

Synopsis: A woman struggles to tell the difference between nightmares

and reality. Is she the victim of a hoax, or is she being haunted?

Duration 00:07:07

Country of Origin: United Kingdom

Directors: John Aldridge

Key Cast: Emily Cordell



I WON'T BE LONG, LOVE

Synopsis: Consumed by grief after the sudden death of his wife, an

elderly man, struggling with cognitive decline, lives

between two perceived realities to deal with the loss and resorts to horrific measures to keep their relationship alive.

Duration 00:09:22

Country of Origin: United Kingdom

Directors: James Fox

Writers: Lee Thompson

Producers: James Fox, Lee Thompson

Key Cast: Christopher Poke

Other Credits: Sound Design/ Composer: Andrew M Pisanu; Production

Designer: Gosia Stasiewicz; Director of Photography:

Stephen Ley; Editor: Jake S Wynne



I, PLINIUS

Synopsis: An amateur astronomer begins to notice unusual

formations on the surface of the Moon, leading to a

shocking discovery.

Duration 00:04:00

Country of Origin: United Kingdom

Directors: Paul Darroch

Writers: Paul Darroch

Producers: Paul Darroch

Key Cast: Paul Darroch



I, PLINIUS

Oak Tree Productions Presents 1, Plinius' Paul Darroch as The Astronomer Cinematography by Roberto Braun Sound Design by Pedro Kerr Original Score by Jeff Bernstein Editing & Visual FX by Georges Ouffaunt Written, Produced & Directed by Paul Darroch

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NO SUCH THING AS WEREWOLVES

Synopsis: This micro horror sees a despairing director looking through his

werewolf DVD collection for inspiration, while reminiscing about classic horrors. Suddenly, an unexpected presence leaves him

with a terrifying realisation.

Duration 00:01:00

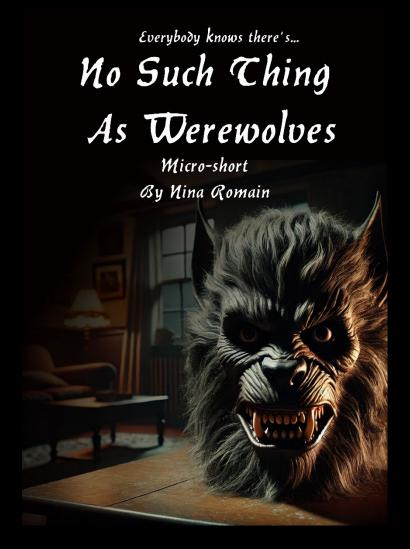
Country of Origin: United Kingdom

Directors: Nina Romain

Writers: Nina Romain

Producers: Nina Romain

Key Cast: Charles Brewer



PLEASE HELP ME

Synopsis: After a night of partying, a young woman is terrorized by a

malevolent presence while she is home alone.

Duration 00:07:13

Country of Origin: United States

Directors: Alfredo Carrillo

Writers: Alfredo Carrillo

Producers: Tikeisha Pendleton

Key Cast: Emika Love

Other Credits: Director of Photography: Brenyana Carrillo; Assistant

Director: Freddy Carrillo



PUMPKIN SMASHERS

Synopsis: A cautionary tale not to smash Pumpkins on Halloween

night. Made in two weeks during October, this is meant to

chill you with the Halloween Spirit!

Duration 00:04:47

Country of Origin: United States

Directors: Ariel David Feblowitz

Writers: Vanessa V Feblowitz

Producers: Ariel David Feblowitz

Key Cast: Ariel David Feblowitz



RENTERS

Synopsis: When two housemates with sky-high standards embark on

the hunt for a new roommate, they never expected the process to be easy, but as they interview a parade of

quirky and eccentric applicants, things take an unexpected turn. One of the current housemates

Duration 00:12:49

Country of Origin: United Kingdom

Directors: Richard Graham

Writers: Jake Vithana

Producers: Marnie Baxter

Key Cast: Brock Warren, Olivia Rembges, Jake Rory, Charles Harrison,

Mark Bojan



RETRIBUTION

Synopsis: A son decides to have a little chat with his father about his

childhood memories.

Duration 00:08:32

Country of Origin: Malta

Directors: Andrew Bonello

Writers: Edward Thorpe

Producers: Edward Thorpe

Key Cast: Richard Godden, Edward Thorpe.



SHEEP

Synopsis: A man walking alone at night becomes victim to an

endless cycle of... well, he doesn't know, and neither does

anyone else.

Duration 00:04:00

Country of Origin: United Kingdom

Directors: Sam Towle

Writers: Sam Towle

Producers: Sam Towle

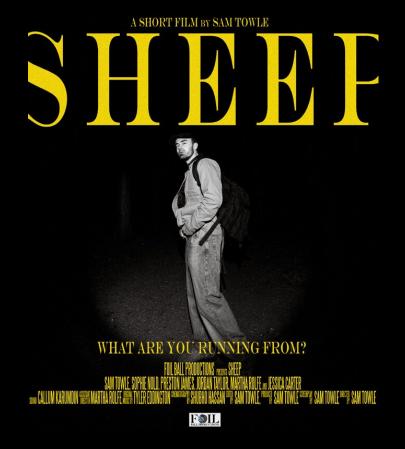
Key Cast: Sam Towle, Sophie Nold, Preston James, Jordan Taylor,

Martha Rolfe, Jessica Carter

Other Credits: Director of Photography: Shubho Hassan; First Assistant

Director: Martha Rolfe; Sound Operator: Callum Karumdin;

Editor: Sam Towle; Composer: Tyler



SUNDAY MORNING

Synopsis: Sunday Morning is a horror story that follows the

protagonist's morning routine after a night of fun and

unexpected surprises. The short film was made on a Super

8mm film cartridge without editing, without reshoots, without color grading, and without postproduction.

Duration 00:03:15

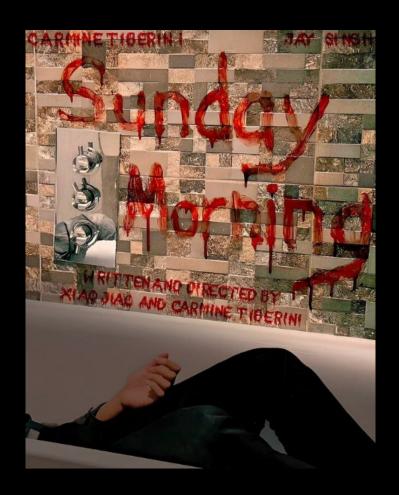
Country of Origin: United Kingdom

Directors: Xiao Jiao, Carmine Tiberini

Writers: Xiao Jiao, Carmine Tiberini

Producers: Carmine Tiberini

Key Cast: Carmine Tiberini, Jay Singh



THE BRIDES OF DRACULA

Synopsis: Introducing a new breed of vampires - More alternative,

more carnal, more dangerous. Loosely based on the legends of Draculas wives, the good, bad and the evil bride inhabit an old misty graveyard set in the high mountains, waiting for their beloved master to be

resurrected once more. Inspired by original costumes and props by Derby-based designer Liam Brandon Murray, this is a unique film designed as a graphic novel come to life,

showcasing the finest in Wearable Art.

Duration 00:05:00

Country of Origin: United Kingdom

Directors: Alexander Miguel

Writers: Alexander Miguel

Producers: Matthew Critchfield, Nathan Neuman

Key Cast: Xiayah Xombie, Olivia Livewire, Chloe Elizabeth, Li Sick,

Andre Lillis.



THE CALLAGHANS'S

Synopsis: The Callaghan's follows a murderous family who stalk a

man and his son in backwoods of Stirling Ontario.

Duration 00:08:44

Country of Origin: Canada

Directors: Joseph Ryan Palmer

Writers: joseph Ryan Palmer

Producers: joseph Ryan Palmer

Key Cast: Paul Massey



THE DAYS OF KNIGHT

Synopsis: A highly trained operative, belonging to a clandestine

ancient group of expert mercenaries, is given a mission to recover a valuable item for one of the 13 most influential families on Earth. As war breaks out and alliances formed

centuries ago crumble

Duration 00:08:59

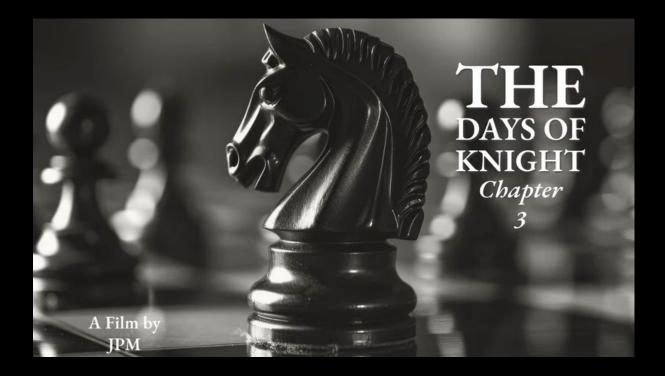
Country of Origin: United States

Directors: 10-18 P Films

Writers: John P Martinez

Producers: John P Martinez

Key Cast: Anthony Martinez, John P Martinez



THE FIREPLACE

Synopsis: A pregnant woman finds herself snowed in at a rented

cottage with no one for company other than a sinister

voice coming from the fireplace.

Duration 00:11:52

Country of Origin: United Kingdom

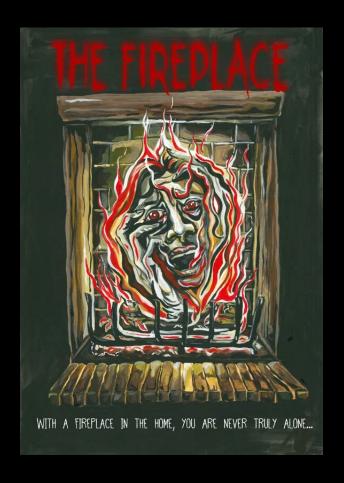
Directors: Ben Daly

Writers: Ben Daly

Producers: Poppy O'Hagan, Ben Daly

Key Cast: Lucy Appleton, Elizabeth Custodio, Ben Locke

Other Credits: Director of Photography: Liam Hejsak; Editor: Lilly Ives.



THE GHOST AND HIS UNFORTUNATE BUT PHENOMENAL TALE

Synopsis: A brief encounter of a free spirited Ghost making his way

through the dark misty and foggy woods, suddenly being confronted at full force by an unexpected phenomenon.

Duration 00:01:44

Country of Origin: Australia

Directors: Jim & Nick Zounis

Producers: Jim & Nick Zounis



THE PHANTOM OF REYKJAVÍK

Synopsis: On a dark night in Reykjavík, a sinister stalker meets an

unlikely fate.

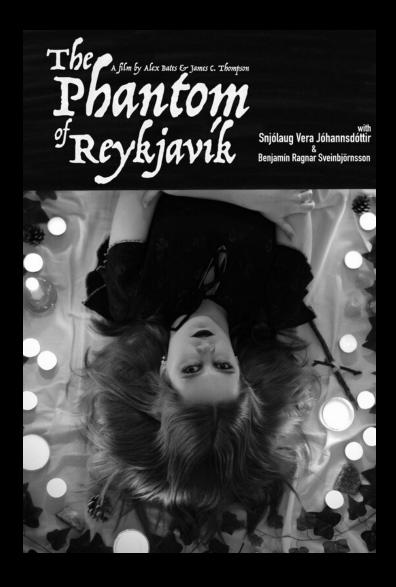
Duration 00:03:59

Country of Origin: Iceland

Directors: Alex Bates, James Thompson

Key Cast: Snjólaug Vera Jóhannsdóttir, Benjamín Ragnar

Sveinbjörnsson



THE R.I.P MAN

Synopsis: Six college friends are being targeted by a mysterious

ghoul with a rare dental condition. An experienced

detective tries to uncover the killers motives, whilst a young

man must revisit his past and confront the unknown.

Duration 00:08:27

Country of Origin: United Kingdom

Directors: Jamie Langlands

Writers: Rhys William Thompson

Producers: Rhys William Thompson

Key Cast: August Porter, Owen Llewelyn



THE STAY

Synopsis: A young woman checks into a secluded holiday cottage

and discovers that some vacations stay with you...forever.

Duration 00:08:30

Country of Origin: United Kingdom

Directors: Frazer Lee

Writers: Frazer Lee

Producers: Frazer Lee, Alan Stewart, Rob Southam, Phil Stokes, Sarah

Stokes

Key Cast: Daniela Finley

Other Credits: Director of Photography: Alan Stewart; Editor: Jamie Munn;

VFX: Lee David, Tom Tatchell; Music: Lester Barnes



TRAPPED IN TIME

Synopsis: A woman enjoying a day out at a historic funfair suddenly

realises she's been trapped in a real life 19th century nightmare, with a gang of Victorian thugs after her. Can she escape, or is she doomed to be...trapped in time?

Duration 00:05:47

Country of Origin: United Kingdom

Directors: Nina Romain

Writers: Nina Romain

Producers: Nina Romain

Key Cast: Charles Brewer



UNDER THE BED

Synopsis: Horror legend Robert Englund, who gave us all nightmares

as the iconic Freddy Krueger, narrates a bedtime story with

a difference.

Duration 00:01:00

Country of Origin: United Kingdom

Directors: Jeremy Sladdin

Writers: Jeremy Sladdin

Producers: Jeremy Sladdin

Key Cast: Robert Englund

A FILM BY JEREMY SLADDIN





WELCOME TO THE HALLOWEEN HORROR FILM FESTIVAL 2024

Founded in 2005 by visionary filmmaker Hakan Besim, the Halloween Horror Film Festival has grown into an annual haven for fans of the horror genre, bringing together emerging talents, cult classics, and horror aficionados from around the world. Known for its unique blend of cinematic horror and immersive atmosphere, the festival showcases chilling narratives that push boundaries and spark discussion. This year's program promises spine-chilling experiences, psychological thrills, and moments of pure terror.

IMPORTANT VIEWER NOTICE

The Halloween Horror Film Festival presents intense themes of blood, gore, and graphic violence that may be disturbing to some audiences. Flashing lights are present in multiple screenings, which may not be suitable for those with photosensitive conditions. Viewer discretion is strongly advised.

