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SCREAMFEST HORROR FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES SPECIAL EVENTS AND SECOND WAVE OF ITS 2016 MOVIE LINE UP

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. – Oct. 6, 2016 – America's largest and longest running horror movie festival, Screamfest Horror Film Festival, announces the second wave of its official 2016 film line up. The festival, which will run from Oct. 18 - 27, 2016 at the TLC Chinese in Hollywood, has launched careers - providing a platform for filmmakers and actors to showcase their latest work to enthusiasts and general audiences. Actress Lydia Hearst *(Condemned, #Horror)* will serve as ambassador for the festival.

"I've been amazed at the raw talent and creativity filmmakers bring to our festival year after year," said Rachel Belofsky, Screamfest Founder and Festival Director. "This year is no exception!"

This year's festival will showcase a total of 73 films. Film festival badges are currently on sale to the general public at <u>www.ScreamfestLA.com</u> and individual film tickets are now available.

Along with the myriad of horror films at the festival, Screamfest will also host FREE screenings of TV episodes inspired by the popular horror films WOLF CREEK and THE EXCORCIST.

On October 19th, Screamfest will host a special free screening of two back-to-back, uncut episodes of Pop TV's "Wolf Creek," starring John Jarrat (*Django Unchained*). It follows Eve Thorogood, the sole survivor of murdering psychopath Mick Taylor, as she vows to bring him to justice or die tying when an American family becomes his next unsuspecting target during vacation in Northern Australia's Outback.

On October 21st, Screamfest will host an exclusive free screening of one episode of 20th Century Fox Television's new series "The Exorcist." Starring Academy Award and Golden Globe winner Geena Davis (*Thelma & Louise*) Alfonso Herrera (*The Chosen*) and Ben Daniels ("House of Cards"), "The Exorcist" returns as a contemporary psychological TV thriller following two very different priests tackling one family's case of terrifying demonic possession.

For tickets for "Wolf Creek," visit <u>https://screamfestla.com/tickets/screening-sign-up</u> and visit <u>https://screamfestla.com/tickets/fox-exorcist-screening-sign-up</u> for "The Exorcist" screening. Cast and filmmakers will be on hand at the screenings and at special events at Sid's Bar located at the theater lobby.

As far as its line up, Screamfest is proud to announce that the following films have been admitted to the festival - the second wave of the 2016 line up.

HAPPY HUNTING (USA) 2016

Directed by Joe Dietsch, Louie Gibson Written by Louie Gibson, Joe Dietsch Cast: Martin Dingle Wall, Ken Lally, Kenny Wormald, Conner Williams, Gary Sturm Produced by Bryson Pintard, Jeff Kalligheri Executive Produced By Nick Guerra, Stephen Bowen, Steven Garcia, Michael Tipps World Premiere

Warren is a degenerate drifter, scraping by, suffering from debilitating alcohol withdrawals on a daily basis. On his way down to Mexico, he finds himself stranded in Bedford Flats, a one-horse town nestled deep in the American desert. It was a once-prosperous hunting community that has been reduced to an impoverished dust bowl. Unfortunately for Warren, it turns out that the town's pastime is rounding up drifters and hunting them as part of an elaborate sporting event. To make matters worse, he'll go into alcoholic withdrawal unless he finds a way to stay intoxicated. It all builds to a blood-soaked, live-or-die showdown deep in the desert.

DON'T KILL IT (USA) 2016

Directed by Mike Mendez Written by Dan Berk, Robert Olsen Cast: Dolph Lundgren, Kristina Klebe, Billy Slaughter Produced by Scott Martin, Michael Slifkin & Robert Yocum Executive Produced by Craig Albrecht LA Premiere An ancient evil is unleashed in a small Alaskan town leav

An ancient evil is unleashed in a small Alaskan town leaving a trail of death and destruction as it passes from host to host. The only hope of survival lies with a grizzled demon hunter (Dolph Lundgren) who has faced this terror before. Together with a reluctant FBI agent he has to figure out how to destroy a demon with the ability to possess its killer.

JOHNNY FRANK GARRETT'S LAST WORD (USA) 2016

Directed by Simon Rumley Written by Ben Ketai (screenplay), Tony Giglio (story), Marc Haimes Cast: Sean Patrick Flanery, Erin Cummings, Mike Doyle Produced by Peter Facinelli, Rob DeFranco Executive Produced by Adam Goldworm LA Premiere When a young man is executed for committing murder, he leaves behind a curse letter, promising vengeance for all those connected to his unfair trial.

FOUND FOOTAGE 3D (USA) 2016

Directed by Steven DeGennaro Written by Steven DeGennaro Cast: Carter Roy, Alena von Stroheim, Chris O'Brien, Tom Saporito, Scott Allen Perry, Jessica Perrin, Scott Weinberg Produced by Steven DeGennarto, Charles Mulford, Kim Henkel Executive Produced by Adam Henninger, Joe Woskow LA Premiere A group of filmmakers set out to make "the first 3D found-footage horror film", but find themselves *IN* a found-footage horror film when the evil entity from their movie escapes into their behind-the-scenes footage.

THERAPY (FRANCE) 2016

Directed by Nathan Ambrosioni

Written by Nathan Ambrosioni

Cast: Nathalie Couturier, Luna Belan, Rémy Jobert, Vanessa Azzopardi

Produced by Fabrice Ambrosioni

LA Premiere

Jane and Simon are two young police officers leading a routine investigation following the discovery of hidden video equipment in an abandoned house by a night watchman. At first glance, they don't seem to contain anything unusual. They show five tourists taking advantage of the seasonal weather to go camping. As they continue watching, they discover that the group's fresh-air excursion takes a sudden turn for the worst. Seized with panic, the young campers reluctantly end up in an abandoned building where it quickly becomes obvious that they are not alone, and that they've stepped into their own graves. To save them, Jane and Simon will have to act quickly, even if it means risking their own lives in the process.

THE UNSEEN (CANADA) 2016

Directed by Geoff Redknap Written by Geoff Redknap

Cast: Aden Young, Camille Sullivan, Julia Sarah Stone, Ben Cotton, Alison Araya, Eugene Lipinski Produced by Katie Weekley, Hans Dayal

Executive Produced by Ian Hay

LA Premiere

A man, who years earlier mysteriously abandoned his family and isolated himself in a small northern town, returns for one last chance to reconnect with his troubled daughter. When she

goes missing, he risks everything to find her, including exposing the fact he is becoming invisible.

QUARRIES (USA) 2016

Directed by Nils Taylor

Written by Nicole Marie Johnson, Nils Taylor

Cast: Leisha Hailey, Nicole Marie Johnson, Sara Mornell, Carrie Finklea, Joy McElveen, Nicole DuPort, Rebecca McFadzien

Produced by Nicole Marie Johnson, Nils Taylor, Carrie Finklea, Dean Alioto

Executive Produced by Diamond Cutter Films

LA Premiere

In order to escape from her abusive boyfriend, Kat joins a women's outdoor-bound group who venture out into the uncharted wilderness to gain a fresh perspective on their lives. Their relatively peaceful trip takes a turn for the worst with a single gunshot. Suddenly, they are running for their lives as a pack of deranged hunters track their every move. Hell bent on survival, the group struggles to turn the tables on these gruesome predators and fight their way back to civilization.

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For more information visit <u>www.screamfestla.com</u> or email <u>info@screamfestla.com</u>

ABOUT SCREAMFEST HORROR FILM FESTIVAL

Formed in August 2001 by film producer Rachel Belofsky, Screamfest Horror Film Festival is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that gives filmmakers and screenwriters in the horror and science fiction genres a venue to have their work showcased in the film industry. Among the numerous films that have been discovered and/or premiered at the festival include "Paranormal Activity," "30 Days of Night," "Trick 'r Treat" and "The Human Centipede." For more information, visit <u>www.ScreamfestLA.com</u>.