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SCREAMFEST HORROR FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES FIRST WAVE OF 2016 LINE UP

HOLLYWOOD – Sept. 7, 2016 – America’s largest and longest running horror film festival, Screamfest Horror Film Festival, announces the first 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.

“We’re so thrilled to announce such a diverse group of films this year,” said Rachel Belofsky, Screamfest Founder and Festival Director. “Even in our 16th year, filmmakers continue to push the envelope and amaze us with their incredible imagination, creativity, passion and hard work.”

This year’s Screamfest Horror Film Festival will offer unique access to some of the most creative forces in the horror genre through film screenings, Q&A’s and conversations with some of the most captivating artists working in the industry today. Film festival badges are currently on sale to the general public at www.ScreamfestLA.com and individual film tickets will be available soon.

Screamfest Horror Film Festival is proud to announce that the following films have been admitted to the festival – the first wave of the 2016 line up.

THE MASTER CLEANSE (USA) 2016

Directed by Bobby Miller

Written by Bobby Miller

Produced by Jordan Horowitz, Johnny Galecki, Aaron L. Gilbert

Cast: Anna Friel, Johnny Galecki, Anjelica Huston, Oliver Platt

LA Premiere

Down, out, and heartbroken, Paul attends a spiritual retreat to cleanse himself and fix his broken life but soon discovers that the cleanse releases more than everyday toxins...a lot more. The feature debut from Bobby Miller (TUB), THE MASTER CLEANSE is a trippy and fantastic journey that examines how we deal with the things that weigh us down in life, ultimately asking the all-important question: given the opportunity to literally face your demons, what would you do?

TRASH FIRE (USA) 2016

Directed by Richard Bates, Jr.

Written by Richard Bates, Jr.

Produced by Lawrence Mattis, Matt Smith, David Lawson Jr.

Cast: Adrian Grenier, Angela Trimbur, Fionnula Flanagan, AnnaLynne McCord, Matthew Gray Gubler, Sally Kirkland, Ezra Buzzington, Ray Santiago, Molly McCook

LA Premiere

When Owen is forced to confront the past he's been running from his whole adult life, he and his girlfriend, Isabel, become entangled in a horrifying web of lies, deceit and murder. You'll laugh. You'll cry. You'll be scarred for life.

THE CRUCIFIXION (USA) 2016

Directed by Xavier Gens

Written by Carey Hayes, Chad Hayes

Produced by Leon Clarence, Ara Keshishian, Peter Safran

Cast: Sophie Cookson

LA Premiere

THE CRUCIFIXION is a supernatural thriller based on true events that touches on the universal themes of life vs. death and good vs. evil. The project stars Sophie Cookson (Kingsman: The Secret Service), is written by the Hayes Brothers (The Conjuring) and produced by Peter Safran with Xavier Gens (Hitman) directing.

MY FATHER DIE (USA) 2016

Directed by Sean Brosnan

Written by Sean Brosnan

Produced by Sanja Banic, Alma Bogdan-Turner, Orian Williams, Sean Brosnan, Pierce Brosnan

Cast: Joe Anderson, Gary Stretch, Candace Smith

LA Premiere

Deaf and mute since having his hearing knocked out at the age of 12, Asher has been training for almost two decades to avenge himself on Ivan, the man that killed his older brother 21

years ago. And now that his nemesis is out of prison, he gets his chance. But Asher's target also happens to be his father.

FEAR, INC. (USA) 2016

Directed by Vincent Masciale

Written by Luke Barnett

Cast: Lucas Neff, Caitlin Stasey, Chris Marquette, Stephanie Drake, Mark Moses, Abigail Breslin
LA Premiere

Produced by Luke Barnett, Vincent Masciale, Natalie Rose Masciale, Heather Kasprzak

Fear, Inc. follows a company of degenerates who can be hired for a premium to bring your greatest fears to life. But when horror junkie Joe Foster's customized scare seemingly begins, he and his friends must decide if this company is there to scare them, or make them pawns in their own sick game.

BEDEVILED (USA) 2016

Directed by The Vang Brothers (Berlee and Abel Vang)

Written by Berlee Vang, Abel Vang

Produced by Abel Vang, Burlee Vang, Leng Yang , Cheng Yang, Kirk Roos

Cast: Saxon Sharbino, Mitchell Edwards, Brandon Soo Hoo, Victory Van Tuyl, Carson Boatman, Alexis G. Zall, and Jordan Essoe
LA Premiere

Five teenagers receive an invite to download a Siri-like app. Once they accept this app which calls itself Mister Bedevil, it begins to torment each of them by tapping into their worst fears. To stop this malevolent force, the teens must learn to trust and depend on each other's wits and courage.

INICUO: THE BROTHERHOOD (MEXICO) 2016

Directed by Alejandro G. Alegre

Written by Alejandro G. Alegre

Produced by Alejandro G. Alegre, Victor Leycegui, Roberto G. Alegre, Enrique Villanueva

Cast: Isaac Pérez Calzada, Marcos Duarte, Verónica de Alba, Guillermo Jair, Rodrigo Ostap
LA Premiere

After a voyage of discovery FEDERICO creates a new religious cult. He kidnaps FERNANDO, a former collaborator, which will try to leave as heir of worship in the midst of a slaughter justified by their own past tragedies.

LAKE BODOM (FINLAND) 2016

Directed by Taneli Mustonen

Written by Alekski Hyvärinen and Taneli Mustonen

Produced by Alekski Hyvärinen, Sophie Holden, Callie McGregor, Claudia Troncoso

Cast: Nelly Hirst-Gee, Mikael Gabriel, Mimosa Willamo, Santeri Helinheimo Mäntylä
US Premiere

Every camper's worst nightmare came true at Lake Bodom in 1960 when four teenagers were stabbed to death while sleeping in their tent.

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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 www.ScreamfestLA.com.

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