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SCREAMFEST HORROR FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES FIRST WAVE OF 2018 LINE UP

Lin Shaye to Serve as Festival Ambassador

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. – September 14, 2018 – America’s largest and longest running horror film festival, **Screamfest Horror Film Festival**, is proud to announce the first wave of its official 2018 film line up. In its 18th year, the festival, which will run from **Oct. 9-18, 2018 at the TCL Chinese 6 Theaters in Hollywood**, has launched careers - providing a platform for filmmakers and actors to showcase their latest work to enthusiasts and general audiences. Actress **Lin Shaye** (*A Nightmare on Elm Street, Insidious, Dead End, 2001 Maniacs*) will serve as this year’s festival ambassador.

“I am extremely excited and honored to serve as this year’s Screamfest ambassador,” said Shaye. “I’m thrilled to support a space where filmmakers, actors and fans can unveil their hard work, and celebrate the horror genre.”

Screamfest Horror Film Festival will offer unique access to some of the most creative forces in the horror genre through film screenings, Q&As and conversations with some of the most captivating artists working in the industry today.

“We could not be more excited to partner with Shaye,” said Belofsky. “Her work has inspired many, and become a hallmark for **quality cinematography within the horror industry.**” ???

The festival is best known for discovering *Paranormal Activity* in 2007. Other past premieres include *Tragedy Girls, Tigers Are Not Afraid, Trick ‘r Treat, 30 Days of Night, Let the Right One In, The Grudge, The Collection, The Human Centipede* and *Diary of the Dead*. Wes Craven, John Carpenter, Sam Raimi, Clive Barker, Eli Roth, James Wan, Zack Snyder, William Friedkin and John Landis are just some of the filmmakers who have supported the festival year after year.

Film festival badges are currently on sale at www.ScreamfestLA.com and individual film tickets will be available end of September 2018. All screenings are open to the general public. Winners will receive a 24 karat gold dipped skull trophy designed by the legendary, Academy award-winning special make-up effects creator, Stan Winston, who partnered with the festival until his passing.

Screamfest Horror Film Festival is proud to announce that the following films have been admitted to the festival – the first wave of the 2018 line up.

AMITYVILLE MURDERS: (US) - 2018

Directed by Daniel Farrands

Written by Daniel Farrands

Cast: John Robinson, Chelsea Ricketts, Paul Ben-Victor, Diane Franklin, Burt Young, Lainie Kazan

Produced by Eric Brenner and Lucas Jarach

On the night of November 13, 1974, Ronald DeFeo, Jr. took a high-powered rifle and murdered his entire family as they slept. At his trial, DeFeo claimed that "voices" in the house commanded him to kill. This is their story.

World Premiere

DEMENTIA II (US) - 2018

Directed by Matt Mercer and Mike Testin

Written by Matt Mercer and Mike Testin

Cast: Suzanne Voss, Matt Mercer, Najarra Townsend, Graham Skipper

Produced by Matt Mercer and Mike Testin

Suzanne wasn't always this confused. She wasn't always DEAD either... When an ex-con takes a job as a handyman for an unstable elderly woman to avoid a parole violation, it becomes a choice he may regret.

West Coast Premiere

DISCARNATE (US) - 2018

Directed by Mario Sorrenti

Written by Mario Miscione, Marcella Ochoa

Cast: Thomas Kretschmann, Nadine Velazquez, Josh Stewart, Chris Coy, Bex Taylor-Klaus

Produced by Harald Kloser (Independence Day: Resurgence, White House Down, 2012), Marcella Ochoa

A neuroscientist's obsession with a drug that expands the human mind inadvertently unleashes a deadly supernatural force on his team.

World Premiere

DRAUG (Sweden) 2018

Directed by Klas Persson and Karin Engman

Written by Klas Persson and Karin Engman

Cast: Elna Karlsson Thomas Hedengran Nina Filimoshkina Ralf Beck Urban Bergsten Matti Boustedt

Produced by Klas Persson and Karin Engman

In the 11th century a missionary goes missing somewhere in the huge forests bordering the northern parts of Sweden. Among the rescue party chosen to find him is Nanna, a young woman on her first real mission and her first return to the part of the country where she was born. But what they will find deep inside those woods is something else entirely. Something dark. Something ancient. Something evil.

World Premiere

THE FINAL WISH (US) 2018

Directed by Timothy Woodward Jr.

Written by Jeffrey Reddick, Jonathan Doyle, William Halfon

Cast: Lin Shaye (Insidious franchise, Ouija franchise) Michael Welch (Twilight franchise, All The Boys Love Mandy Lane) Tony Todd (Final Destination, Hell Fest, Candyman) Spencer Locke (Insidious: The Last Key, Resident Evil: Afterlife, Resident Evil: Extinction)

Produced by Jeffrey Reddick, Lauren De Normandie, Timothy Woodward Jr, Johnny Cleveland, Thommy Hutson

From the creator of the *Final Destination* franchise comes a new tale of death. Following the passing of his father, Aaron Hammond (MICHAEL WELCH) returns to his hometown to help his devastated mother (LIN SHAYE) and to confront his past demons. Shifting through his father's belongings, Aaron comes upon a mysterious item that is far more than it seems.

World Premiere

THE GOLEM (Israel) 2018

Directed by Doron Paz and Yoav Paz

Written by Ariel Cohen

Cast: Alex Triterenko, Brynie Furstenberg, Hani Furstenberg, Ishai Golan, Lenny Ravich

Produced by Ariel Cohen, Doron Paz Shalom Eisenbach, Yoav Paz

In this re-imagining of the old mystical folklore, when a woman's tight-knit Jewish community is besieged by foreign invaders, she conjures a dangerous creature to protect them but it may be more evil than she ever imagined. THE GOLEM is the third feature for co-directed by Doron and Yoav Paz.

North America Premiere

THE HAUNTED (UK) 2018

Directed by:

David Holroyd

Written by David Holroyd

Cast:

Sophie Stevens, Nick Bayly, Ray Macallan, Maggie Daniles, Kirstie Steele, Virginia Denham

Produced by:

Crispin Manson, Matthew Stradling

In a rambling, isolated house, Emily's first night-shift as carer to an elderly dementia patient turns into a nightmare as she is tormented by a vengeful spirit and uncovers the house's dark secrets.

World Premiere

LOST IN APOCALYPSE (China) 2018

Directed by Sky Wang

Written by Sky Wang, Baiying Wu

Cast: Martin Yang, Mingyi Yang, E'Naan Zhang, Ray Wang, Fengzhu Jia, Qianhua Chen, Simpson Tang, Man Yang

Produced by Iris Liu

A group of seemingly unrelated individuals fight their way out of a virus-infested hotel, only to find themselves at a worse place than before.

West Coast Premiere

OPEN 24 HOURS (US) 2018

Directed by Pdraig Reynolds

Written by Pdraig Reynolds

Cast: Emily Tennant, Brendan Fletcher, Vanessa Grasse

Produced by

A paranoid delusional woman, Mary White (Vanessa Grasse), has just been released from a mental hospital for setting her serial killer boyfriend on fire. Her boyfriend, James Lincoln Fields is brutal serial killer known as The Rain Ripper. After being released from the Hospital, Mary's vulnerable demeanor aids her in obtaining employment at an all night petrol station. However, left alone to her own devices, her paranoia and hallucinations return with furious consequences. Customers and friends suddenly start turning up dead, mutilated, all around her. Is The Rain Ripper back to finish her off?

West Coast Premiere

PLEDGE (US) 2018

Directed by Daniel Robbins

Written by Zack Weiner

Cast: Zachery Byrd, Aaron Dalla Villa, Cameron Cowperthwaite, Phillip Andre Botello, Jesse Pimentel, Erica Boozer, Joe Gallagher, Zack Weiner, Jean-Louis Droulers

Produced by Mark Rapaport, Keaton Heinrichs, Akiva Nemetsky

A group of college freshmen pledge an exclusive fraternity but soon realize there's more at stake than they could have ever imagined.

US Premiere

TUMBBAD (India) 2018

Directed by Rahi Anil Barve, Anand Gandhi

Written by Mitesh Shah, Adesh Prasad, Rahi Anil Barve, Anand Gandhi

Cast: Sohumi Shah, Harish Khanna, Anita Date, Mohd Samad, Jyoti Malshe, Deepak Damle, Dhundiraj Prabhakar Jogalekar

Produced by Amita Shah, Mukesh Shah, Sohumi Shah

A greedy village boy, in 19th century India, pursues a cursed Ancestral treasure, guarded by the devil himself. TUMBBAD opened the Venice' Film Festival's Critic's Week 2018.

West Coast Premiere

YOU DIE (Italy) 2018

Directed by Alessandro Antonaci, Stefano Mandalà, Daniel Lascar

Written by Alessandro Antonaci, Stefano Mandalà, Daniel Lascar

Cast: Erica Landolfi, Simone Moretto, Micol Damilano, Rocco Marazzita, Alice Piano, Simone Valentino, Carola Cudemo, Ja'Michael Darnell, Daniele Marmi

Produced by Daniel Lascar, Simone Offredo, Francesco Scrufari

US Premiere

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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 or email info@screamfestla.com.