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Bigger, Better, Bolder.... But still amazing value.

If Romford Horror Festival was a movie, it's chapter 4 which means it would need to be the Final Chapter, only to be reborn next year... But how could Romford Horror Festival get any bigger? Well how about a legendary horror movie reunion? But that's next year, let's stay with the present. This year we properly pushed the boat out, we doubled the screens, we added a full additional day of movies and we've added more guests. Of the 180 films we are showing, 38 of them are World Premieres and 18 UK Premieres and one special movie preview. We have filmmakers flying from across the world to represent their films and plenty from closer to Romford.

We continue to frame Romford Horror as one of the most affordable festivals in the world, if you buy a full festival pass it works out at just £9 a day, it's important to us that regardless of budget, you can afford to cast off your worries and make HorRHIFFic new friends. The horror audience is one of the greatest in the world and we are delighted to have met so many amazing people over the years and for the support they give us. People I never dreamt would come to Romford Horror are now regulars and we cannot stress how much everyone that comes and watches or shows their film means to us. This year we've made a lot of changes

those later...
Change my dear? It seems not
a moment too soon...

and you'll find out more about

Spencer Hawken, Festival Director

SATURDAY TALKS 2. SIGNINGS

Discussing the world of horror. From classic movies and T.V. to blockbusters and the modern day indie:

- Cinzia Monréale -
- Caroline Munro-
- Pauline Peart -
- Marianne Morris Ian McCulloch -
- Ross Sambridge -

OUR GUESTS



A CLASSIC DAY BEQUEATHING NIGHT

THURSDAY - 11.00AM - SCREEN 8 THE MEDUSA TOUCH

A bitter and twisted telekinetic novelist causes disasters simply by thinking about them. When he confides in Dr. Zonfield however things take an even darker turn. Stars Richard Burton, Lee Remick & Lino Ventura. [Jack Gold]

FRIDAY - II.00AM - SCREEN 8 POSSESSION

A woman starts exhibiting increasingly disturbing behaviour after asking her husband for a divorce. Suspicions of infidelity soon give way to something much more sinister. Stars Isabelle Adjani, Sam Neil. [Andrzej Zulawski]

SATURDAY - 10.30PM - SCREEN 7 THE BEYOND

A young woman inherits an old hotel in Louisiana where, following a series of supernatural "accidents", she learns that the building was built over one of the entrances to Hell. [Lucio Fulci]

SUNDAY - 8.00PM - SCREEN 8 PROFONDO ROSSO

A jazz pianist and a wisecracking journalist are pulled into a web of mystery after the former witnesses the brutal murder of apsychic. [Dario Argento]

LOTS OF OTHER BLOODY STUFF

When we started Romford Horror, it was important to us that as well as showing films we bought some great stars from the world of film here, subsequently we booked Eileen Dietz only for a protracted Covid-19 scenario to mean she ended up visiting remotely. Fast forward to 2023 and we

THOSE WHO DARE, WIN.

SUNDAY C.10.00PM

Before 'The Final Shorts' on Sunday night we will reward the best of this year's festival films. Including: Best Director | Best Feature Film | Best Short Film, and more. Make sure you grab a selfie with these winners on our 'blood-red' carpet. You never know, you might be standing next to 2030's version of George Romero.

bought Silvia Collatina and Giovanni Lombardo Radice to Romford, sadly nobody knew it would be his last event appearance. This year however we doubled our guest line up, bringing legendary Cinzia Monreale, Ian McCulloch, Caroline Munro and Pauline Peart to represent both UK based and Euro Horror. But we wanted to bring you more, we wanted to build unique experiences, so this year we recruited the amazing Hannah Davis to create wonderful

Davis to create wonderful photo-shoots for you to impress your friends with. Full festival pass holders can partake in such an event on Friday 1st March between 7pm and midnight, whether you want a unique profile pic, or just a warm memory with friends new and old, she's going to have your back. But that's not all, this year we launch Horror Roulette,

enter screen 7 at 8.30pm on Friday 1st and you just don't know what you're going to watch, grab some beers and head for the screen, hosted by Kevin Haldon of Nerdly. This is going to be the most fun you can have with your clothes on, a spectacular and hugely funny experience that will give you chills and fond memories alike. On Saturday 2nd meet our guests and purchase photos

filmed out, we have three consecutive talks with our four guests. If that's not enough we'll have loads of stalls here selling all kinds of horror merch. All of this of course sits on the back of 180 marvellous films, brand new indie features and all time classics, incredible shorts from local students, this is the Romford Event

Of The Year you'd be silly not to be part of it!

and autographs and if you're all

HORROR HORROR EVERYWHERE!





THE PROJECTIONIST COCKTAIL BAR IS OPEN EVERY DAY FROM HAM TO HPM

As Sophie Ellis Bextor would probably sing if she were here, it's all about "Merchandise at the Projectionist Bar". It's the go-to for making your Horror weekend complete. An indie themed cocktail in one hand and a new T-shirt in the other. We can also offer fantastic local beers, and coffees for the zombies.



Read full HORRHIFFIC film synopses and more at: www.romfordhorrorfestival.com /Look out for exclusive interviews and Q&A's with filmmakers after screenings and then watch again on You –Tube: eromfordhorrorfestival

Did you know that Horrhiffic has an older and less horrible sibling? The Romford International Film Festival will be here on 24th - 28th May 2024. It is multi-genred film and tickets are on sale now!

THIRST DAY

12.00PM

ALL CLOWNS ARE BASTARDS

A man-eating killer clown falls in love with a woman, and then becomes vegan against his family's best interest. [Erik Weise] SHORT: The Oval Portrait [Frank Messely]

2.30PM

LOVE WILL TEAR US APART

Koki and Wakaba are bullied until strange incidents begin to occur. [Kenichi Ugana] SHORT: Greed & Gore [Adam Kirkey]

5.00PM

AFTERNOON SHORTS

Upheaval [Aaran McKenzie] | Sincopat [Pol Diggler] | Sauvage [Ornella Barbé] | The Ceremony [Connor Hall]









II.00AM CLASSIC FILM: THE MEDUSA TOUCH

A bitter telekinetic novelist causes disasters simply by thinking about them. [Jack Gold] SHORT: Parallel Universes: The sequel [Natanael Cardona Sánchez]

1.00PM

SHORT FILM SHOWCASE

Side Dish [Alexander Griffith] | Dead Skin [Čiara Lilly O'Rourke] | Three Baths [Rafael De Leon jr.] | Trial 22 [John Ferrer] | Help Point [Anabella Forbes] Rain, Rain, Go Away [Sebastiano Pupino] The Cornucopia Club [Joseph Archer] The Order of Ra [James Shannon & Toby Martin Hughes

.00PM

H.P. LOVECRAFT'S THE OLD ONES

For 93 years sea captain Russel Marsh's body was not his own. [Chad Ferrin] SHORT: Promin' [Nykol Firer]

5.00PM

WATCH ME SLEEP

A camera is installed in a coffin, with terrible consequences. [John Williams] SHORT: The Midnight Sleepover Club [Jack Parr]

7.00PM

CHEAP THRILLS | BLOCK I

A selection of films made for less than £1,000. The Blood On Me [Guy Harvey] The Pencil [Thomas Schultz] | Knock. Knock. (Knock) Brendon Cleaves | SIS-TER [Gokhan Toka] | Curse Of Frankenbite Theo Maximilian Goble | Sunday Driver [Mark Lawrence] Newsgrid [Chris Harvey] Yellow Darren James King

PUNCH

6.00PM

A young woman celebrating her last night out in her hometown is stalked by a mysterious killer in a Mr Punch mask. [Andy Edwards] SHORT: Vestige [Joseph Simmons]

8.00PM

HE NEVER LEFT

A fugitive and his girlfriend become targets of the notorious "Pale Face" killer.[James Morris] SHORT: Bisected Danny Pineros

LATE NIGHT: CANNIBALS & MEMORIES

9.00PM CLASSIC FILM: CANNIBAL APOCALYPSE

Screen 8

Celebrating the life of Giovanni Lombardo Radice with this rare screening.[Antonio Margheriti] SHORT: The Foreboding: Fractured [Kemal Yildirim]

10.00PM: TAPED UP **MEMORIES**

Screen 7

Found footage story of four cousins who pick up a hitcher with a military past. [Jackson Batchelor & Sam Mason Bell | SHORT: Stockholm By Night Tobias Moe

WORKING WITH THE ITALIAN GODFATHER OF GORE

This year we continue to acknowledge the work of Lucio Fulci, with two magnificent actors who worked on his most controversial movies, while adding the magic of Hammer Horror to our event with two lovely ladies who then and now continue to sport the glamour of Hammer. We are so thrilled to have all of our guests with us, sharing a monumental body of work and outstanding wit and panache.

SPOTLIGHT ON: CINZIA MONREALE

Cinzia is obviously best known to UK audiences in her role of Emily in Lucio Fulci's The Beyond, but has a enormous body of work on films such as Beyond The Darkness, The Stendhal Syndrome, The Sweet House Of Horrors and of course Warriors Of The Year 2072. Cinzia's performances have garnered a cult following worldwide. Her ability to immerse herself in complex characters and evoke genuine emotions on-screen continues to captivate audiences to this day. Cinzia worked with Fulci probably more than any other actor, over a period of 11 years.

"Lucio liked working with me, he said I had the right face for horror, a thriller face, a dramatic face, I'm not so sure, but according to him I did, he was a wonderful friend". - Cinzia Monreale





ON: IAN MCCULLOCH

"Lucio Fulci was a funny guy, I don't think he ever gave me any real direction and I couldn't take him seriously, because he wore this funny hat and smoked his pipe upside down. Nowadays we can look people up on Wikipedia, but we didn't have that back then, I wish I'd known more about him, because before he became pigeon holed he was quite a phenomenal director." - lan McCulloch

Scottish Actor lan McCulloch has been lighting up our screens since the late 60s starring in TV roles such as The Borderers, Doctor Who, The Secret Army and even Take The High Road, but it was casting in 1975's The Survivors that put the actor into legendary status starring as often grumpy Greg Preston in the highly acclaimed show.

Somewhat unusually lan made a big jump across to euro-horror first starring in Zombie (Aka Zombie Flesh Eaters) then onto Doctor Butcher MD AKA Zombie Holocaust, before moving onto Contamination, all through movies received acclaim in all the wrong places in the UK all finding themselves outlawed or prosecuted which of course teleports any actor into a somewhat legendary situation.

The British T.V. and Italian Horror star will be interviewed in an audience session where we ask everything about his career, including BBC's chilling 'The Survivors' to the controversial Contamination, Zombie Flesheaters followed by audience questions. Saturday at 5pm. In Screen 7.

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CRYDAY

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CHEAP THRILLS | BLOCK 2

A selection of films made for less than £1,000. The Vulture [Jason Balas] | Fister [Anthony Moran] | Edward Has A Tree Inside Him [Kristoffer Lucia] | Soul [Deri Watt] | Enter The Dark Woods [Steven Coles] | The Doll [Thomas Elliott Griffiths] | The Darkling Fox [Henry Fish] | On-Air [Michael Glynn MacDonald]

1.30PM

JUST ONE LAST THING

Etta takes a job managing a half-way house between life and death. [<u>Alex</u>andra Gillespie] SHORT: Cycles [Will Darbyshire]

4.00PM **SCALPER**

Everyone around psychic Clementine is being brutally murdered by a masked killer. [Chad Ferrin] SHORT: Escalation [Christian Bachini]

6.00PM

HAUNTED ULSTER LIVE

TV veteran investigates a poltergeist in a house in Belfast. [Dominic O'Neill] SHORT: Sandra Gets A Beddoes &

HORROR ROULE

Our concept 'Horror Open Mic Night' for short film makers. What plays during this session is a murder mystery in it's truest form.

and Hannah Davis' secret nightman

CLASSIC FILM: POSSESSIO

A woman becomes disturbed after asking for a divorce. [Andrzej Zulawski SHORT: The Weaver [Øyvind Willumsen

ONCE UPON A MIDNIGHT

Dolly has always lived in terror until a knock at the door changes everything. [Vicky Wanless] SHORT: The Bleed [Jason Impey]

STUDENT BODIES

Films made by young film makers studying at NCC Havering College The Missing [Justinas Balsys] | The Silent Invasion [Connor Marsh] | Trick Or Treat [Rebecca Hearn] | The Watching [Remi Amber Danielle Tees] Bang [Poppy Moore] | I Love Your Knife [Ray Brown & Oliver Ferrier] Moon Rock [Nye Buck, Alfie Mullenger, Jude Stuchfield & Levi Coleman] Masked [Maria] | Blood For Blood [Jude White, Tom Bignold & Claudiu Agoston] | The Zippos Killer [Leonardo-Felix Brinza] | Mirrored [Jason Gao] | Hold Of The Dead [Charlie Langford] | Hags [Maria Besko]



COLLECTION PROFONDO G





REMEMBER ME 2: FORGET ME NO

Is Joe's medication causing him to have nightmares or is there something more sinister happening. [Steven M Smith] SHORT: Sour Milk [Joe Duncombe]

8.00PM

CLASSIC FILM: WHO SAW HER DIE?

The daughter of an artist is discovered dead, and her parents struggle to solve the mystery behind it. [Aldo Lado] SHORT: Death Date [Alex Mathieson]

10.20PM TAPED UP FAMILIES

Prior to the taped up memory killings, a hitcher unravels a killing spree plan. [Steven Sibley] SHORT: NZU [Conscian Morgan]



Join us on Friday night from 7pm for our 'Goth Glamou

photoshoot.

SPLATTERDAY

II.00AM

VISITORS (COMPLETE EDITION)

Haruka, Nana, and Takanori visit the house of Souta, a long lost band member. [Kenichi Ugana] SHORT: Caterpillar [Matt Bentley-Viney]

I.00PM SHORT SHARP SHOCKS

Films with a running time of less than 5 minutes. Chef Gustav [Luke Frangeskou] | Girl In The Dark [Sergi Bazhenov] | Old Flames [Fugitives] | Dolly Molly's Playhouse [Joe Duncombe] | Heart Breaker [Emmanuel Li] | Stranger Danger [AD Cooper] | Under The Bed [Jeremy Sladdin] | A Taco [Jeremy Sladdin] | Postponed [Luke Shelley] | Fear Of Heights [Joseph Bolz] | Skinny Dip [Donal O'Dea] | Black As Before [Craig Alexander Tonks] | Wolf Whistle [Jennifer Handorf]

II.00AM **SLASHER HOUSE 3: REBOOTED**

Our heroes as they discover the truth behind Project Slasher House. [MJ Dixon] SHORT: Life After [Hill Burton]

1.30PM ISAAC

A company specialising in cellular meat trial its synthetic technology in a bid to create the perfect child. [Tariq Sayed] SHORT: Fuse [Will Dennies]



8.00PM

6.00PM HOW TO KILL MONSTERS

A survivor of a massacre teams up with rookie cops and lawbreakers to fight off an invasion of monsters. Stewart Sparke SHORT: Kin [James Waterhouse

EVENING ANTHOLOGIES SCREE

4.00PM 6.20PM THE POCKET FILM SHORT FILM OF SUPERSTITIONS SHOWCASE 2

merging of folkloric exploring superstitions. [Tom Lee Rutter] SHORT: Collection Only [Alun Rhys Morgan] Doyle]

A quaint and creepy Manicure Carluccio Spiral To The Centre Alisa dadaist horror with Stern & Scott Ampleford Neonate [Georgie Kerssenbrock] | Gateway Of The Sun [Michael

PETER RABID

Former school friends reunite at a will reading in a remote country mansion, while masked killers are prowling the grounds. [S. J Evans] SHORT: Pareidolia [Aaron Truss]



CHINESE ZODIAC

Six star crossed tales of Thompson, Tony Sands [James Hood] Chavanel

8.00PM 10.30PM HORROR-SCOPES: DEAN OF THE DEAD'S **HOLIDAY HORRORS!**

Hororscope' based horror. Ten multi-directed modern [MJ Dixon Dani seasonal indie-budget horrors. [Dean Sharp] SHORT: Caretaker SHORT: Nap Javier

10.30PM **CLASSIC FILM: THE BEYOND**

A young woman inherits an old hotel in Louisiana which was built over an entrance to Hell. [Lucio Fulci] SHORT: Sleep Tight Lisa Ovies

TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED

THE AFTERNOON SHOW

3.00pm - Screen 7

A panel discussion with Ian McCulloch, Cinzia Monreale, Caroline Munro and Pauline Peart on the world of horror including modern day, classic and indie horror.

AN AUDIENCE WITH CINZIA MONREALE

4.00pm - Screen 7

From Buio Omega to The Beyond; Cinzia Monreale's impact on movies is incredible. This career focused interview will be followed by audience questions.

AN AUDIENCE WITH IAN MCCULLOCH

5.00pm - Screen 7

The British T.V. and Italian Horro star asked everything, from BBC's chilling 'The Survivors' to the controversial Contamination, and Zombie Flesheaters.

SHUNDAY



II.00AM

VOICE OF SHADOWS

A man tries to prevent his dark past from repeating itself when his girlfriend inherits an estate. [Nicholas Bain]
SHORT: Stage Fright [Alexandre Leroy]



1.00PM **BEHAVE**

4.00PM SHORT FILM SHOWCASE 3

Robutler [James Button] | The Vice [Jon Kent] | Free Spirits [George Moore] | The Auteur [Bethany White] | It's Fine [Alla Eliseeva] | It Was John [Victor Hampson]

6.00PM LORE

A night around the campfire will come to teach that some stories should not be told. [James Bushe, Patrick Ryder, Greig Johnson

A mysterious entity follows a group of friends to a luxurious getaway. [Francesco Gabriele] SHORT: Patrick Is Outside [Carsten Woike]

6.00PM

THE SLAVE AND THE SORCERER

When the evil wizard Akaris abducts Princess Meyra, 'Tyrol the Slave' leads a band of heroes on a perilous quest. [Lawrie Brewster] SHORT: Hangman Cameron Sun



8.00PM THE ACTIVATED

trauma brings on strange visions only Ors can see, which unlocks a forgotten past. [Nicholas Gyeney SHORT: Maria José Maria [Chico Noras]

7.45PM - SCREEN 7 THE AWARDS

A swift presentation to get back to watching great films!



10.30PM

SCREEN 7 SCREEN 8

THE FINAL SHORTS I THE FINAL SHORTS 2

The Man With My Name [Simon O'Neill] | Bad Boy Buck [James Fitzgerald] | Jacques The Mimic [Richard Anthony Dunford] | Ron [William Prince] | Thirty2 [Tim Luna] Pulp [Theo Beaudean]

Somnia Corvus Stevie Alexandria Maxwell & Paul Van Beaumont] | Marvin The Vampire [Adrian León] Elusive [Lily Le Van Quana]

II.00AM

CLASSIC FILM: TURBO KID

In a post-apocalyptic wasteland in 1997, a comic book fan adopts the persona of his favourite hero. [Francois Simard, Anouk Whissell, Yoann-Karl Whissell] SHORT: Buckett's Brand New Bar [Arooj Shah]

1.15PM

CLASSIC FILM: THE ENTITY

A woman is tormented and sexually molested by an invisible demon. The story is based on an alleged true story. [Sidney J. Furie] SHORT: Mantra [Stef Meyer & Pascal Bourelier

MOSAIC

Ten killers, one investigation. A detective Eliot Foley investigates cases including a killer teddy bear and Santa. [Alexander Churchyard, Michael Holliday SHORT: Conkers For The Brave [Debbie Lane] SHORT: A Most Extraordinary Swim Tony Mardon SHORT: I Won't Be Long, Love [James Fox]



8.00PM

CLASSIC FILM: PROFONDO ROSSO

A pianist and a journalist are pulled into a mystery after the former sees the murder of a psychic. Dario Argento SHORT: Shipwreck [Artem Zaitsev]



WHAT A HORRHIFFIC BUNCH

EVENT TEAM

Ensuring the event is less of a horror than the entertainment, during the festival you will see these guys making sure everything goes to plan and you have a bloody great time!



GILL



CHARLOTTE



Gill, Charlotte and April are the first people you will see. Checking everyone in on arrival, selling festival merch and creating the best bespoke cocktails! More than an events team, our front of house are all creatives, making the atmosphere and conversation all a bit more fun.

LOGISTICS TEAM



SPENCER



RODOLFO

These zombies are working all year managing the festivals and outreach programme. From taking submissions, to design & merch, planning the schedule and wrangling with festival tech. During the festival, they are everywhere from interviewing filmmakers, playing the films, to holding-up the bar!

Spencer is the Festival Director, Natalie is the Art Director and Rudy is the Festival Projectionist. Togethe they have been running all of the festivals from day or and are invested in it's success, representation and quality as it grows larger every year.

MEDIA TEAM



PETER



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KEVIN



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LOUISE



BRADLEY

The team who are first to set their eyes on the films! No pressure guys, but this festival has been built on your opinions. The selections team are committed to watching hundreds of hours of the best (and worst) films to ensure your viewing is as shocking as it can be.

This family of film-watchers are judging the awards too, but how do they make their decisions? Well, their passion quickly translates into 'blood-both' zoom conversations. Spencer chairs 'opinion knife-fights' between Louise and Kevin, referees Peter and Bradley's spars on the nuances of cinematography; whilst also crully using Daniel and Carrie's polite nature against them in horrendous lols.

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Had enough hearing about us? Why not go down to level 2 and pick up one of those Samosas that everyone's talking about?

find some dopplegangers. These guys bring the festival's creepy emanations,, document and celebrate the events and keep themselves very snappy throughout. Carrie, Charlotte and Daniel are double agents for our media team, working behind the lens and blog writing for Horrhiffic. Even Peter gets involved in the socials, while Kevin is getting all Nerdly about the films in a continuation of live chatty-chats with film makers. Chris however is our official flasher (in the paperazzi photographer sense, of course) and Hannah? Well, she will see you in her studio of nightmares.

Our frankenstein team means you might



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