



**RICHARD CHRISTY'S
HORRORSCOPE**

I receive many column suggestions from wonderful *Decibel* readers who love *Horrorscope*. The single most common question that I've been asked literally hundreds of times by readers is, "When are you going to write about a movie that features Long Duk Dong?" Alright, I'll admit I'm totally bullshitting—nobody has ever and will ever ask that question. But if they did, I would tell them, "Fret no longer, Long Duk Dong fans—your ship has come in!" This month's *Horrorscope* features legendary 1980s actor Gedde Watanabe (AKA Long Duk Dong from *Sixteen Candles*) co-starring in the excellent 1986 vampire film *Vamp*.

Aside from Sir Dong, if you love pink and green, then you MUST see *Vamp*! I'm not sure if there was a fire sale on pink and green movie lights during the filming of this movie, but whatever the reason, I actually love it. It sets *Vamp* apart from most other films of the era and gives it a fun, lighthearted look. And now, thanks to Arrow Video recently re-releasing *Vamp* on gorgeous Blu-ray, I'm able to relive my horror/strip club/vampire film memories in 2017! The only difference today is that this campy vampire film goes great with some hair metal on vinyl and some good craft beers.

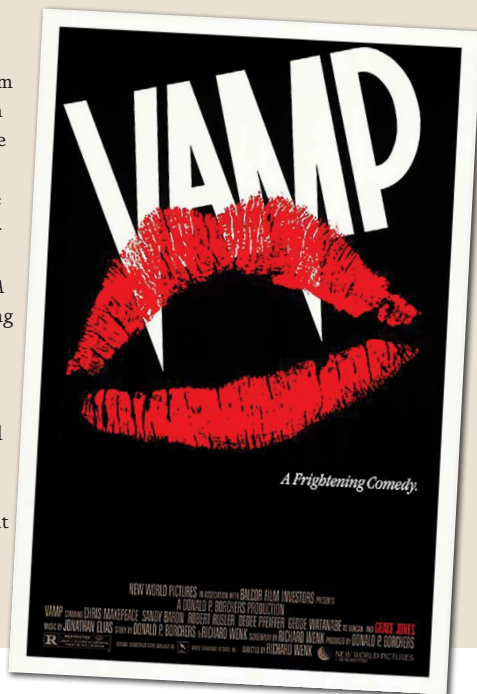
Reminiscent of the classic *From Dusk Till Dawn*, but shot almost a decade earlier, *Vamp* features some of the best vampire effects of any 1980s film courtesy of the great Greg Cannom. There's even a stripping scene (or "exotic dance" if you're one of those horn dogs who considers themselves classy) featuring Grace Jones, which seems to be a direct influence on the Salma Hayek introduction scene in *From Dusk Till Dawn*. *Vamp* also stars horror vet Robert Rusler from *Weird Science* and *A Nightmare on Elm Street 2: Freddy's Revenge* as a young hunk hoping to join a frat. Michelle's younger sister DeeDee Pfeiffer also gives a command performance as a funny and totally '80s-attired strip club waitress. When two frat hopefuls find out they need a stripper to bring back to the fraternity, they unfortunately choose a strip club full of vampires. If you ever wondered what it was like if Mötley Crüe's "Girls, Girls, Girls"

video was put in a blender with *Nosferatu*, then I suggest you check out *Vamp*. Get it on Blu-ray before Grace Jones finds out you didn't and kicks your wimpy ass!

This month's metal pick is a mashup that you can make all by yourself! Grab your copy of Mötley Crüe's *Girls, Girls, Girls* and simultaneously crank it up alongside Grim Reaper's classic tune "Night of the Vampire," and you get the perfect metal song to compliment *Vamp*! Your neighbors will ask you what the ruckus is, but you can just tell them what Manowar told you: "If you're not into metal, you are not my friend!"

So, for a night that definitely won't "suck," check out *Vamp* and crank up some Mötley Crüe and Grim Reaper! While you're at it, crack open a Vampire Slayer beer from Clown Shoes brewery or *Nosferatu* from Great Lakes Brewing Company! [ad]

Well, until next month, keep your horror horrifying and your metal heavy, and make every day Halloween! Email me at Richard@richardchristy.com.



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