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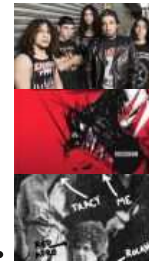
Zombies! But not exactly. Or at least not in the traditional sense. Evolution begins at a secret US Army research center in Iraq, and the opening scene is filled with enough blood-drenched terror to suck in even the most jaded horror fan. The Army's resolution to the problem is damn near worth the price of admission alone. Only one man survives, an Army doctor from the research team. The doctor manages to save a sample of the serum responsible for the zombie outbreak, which is actually an alien life form with the ability to reanimate the corpses of the humans that it has infiltrated. Human blood is, naturally, essential for survival. The bulk of the film takes place in a tenement building where the doctor has taken up residence to conduct further experiments in secret, while the Army desperately searches for a way to neutralize the threat (i.e., eliminate the doctor and reclaim the

sample). The screenplay by Brian Patrick O'Toole (Cemetery Gates and the forthcoming Basement Jack) is sharp and believable, and the direction by Chris Conlee (previously known primarily as an editor on dozens of horror and action films) is fast-paced and creative. Evolution has a good cast of actors, as well, with Eric Peter-Kaiser (a young stuntman with a promising career in acting ahead of him, based on his performance here as the doctor), Guillermo Diaz (former cast member of Dave Chappelle's Show, character-actor in dozens of films), James Duval (probably best known either as Frank in Donnie Darko or as the Asian guy in every film Gregg Araki has made), and Tim Colceri (everything from Full Metal Jacket to Babylon 5) in lead roles. Watch out for fantastic guest appearances from both Billy Morrison (The Cult, Camp Freddy) and Ricky Warwick (The Almighty), too. Both the F/X and the overall gore content receive high marks, and will not disappoint hardcore horror fans. Evolution is not to be missed—and pay close attention to the final scene! **The Impaler**

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