



## Domiziano Cristopharo - "The Museum of Wonders" [DVD Review]

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After glancing at the skull on the cover I was expecting a low budget horror movie, but *The Museum of Wonders* is more of a statement on the ugliness of prejudice and greed in society than a horror flick. Thinly veiled in a horror movie shell this film works on a much deeper level. The group of side show performers and freaks may not be your typical family, but I would argue that they are indeed a family and serve here as a microcosm for society as a whole.

The premise of the movie is a pretty straightforward one; the beautiful circus dancer Salome finds out that the circus' owner has just inherited a large sum of money (did I mention that this owner is a dwarf?). She sets her evil plot born of greed in motion and things spiral from there much to the dismay of the other sideshow freaks; I won't spoil the rest.

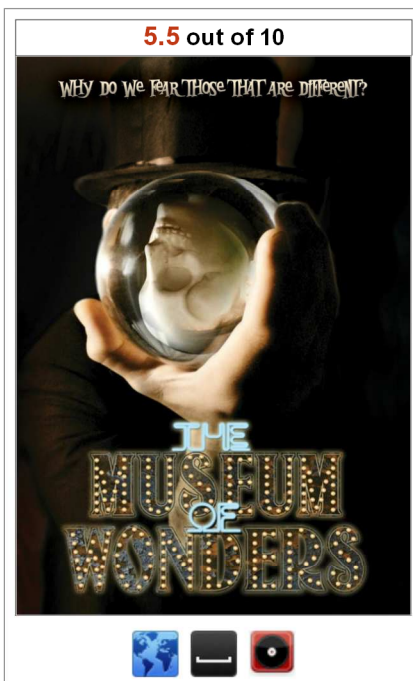
The cinematography is fabulous and the acting is decent, especially for a low budget film. I think the only real criticism (and perhaps it's just me), is the dialogue which is spoken in a poetic kind of verse that I found at times annoying and at others, confusing. It also doesn't help that this is an Italian movie with English subtitles.

Over all though, *The Museum of Wonders* was odd enough to keep my interest and is definitely a movie with a powerful message.

Run Time: 99 mins

Release Date: April 2010

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