

DVD REVIEW: FEAR THE FOREST

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When it comes to "monster in the woods" themed movies, there are really only a handful that stand out as actually being good. Fear the Forest looks to try to be one of those good movies. The box art alone screams indy film horror, but does it have that it factor to something worth watching?

Is it a legend, or a myth??? The one question has plagued mankind throughout the ages has always remained, but finally comes to unfold here in a new chilling Thriller. The Native American Indians thought it was fact... they respected, feared it and Believed to be a GOD. Ten Years ago, there was a "Ghost-like something" seen killing people in the dark unforgiving woods as people were culled away one by one and some never to be found. What rea This year reports have surfaced that it was all just a "Hoax"... But a local philanthropist believes different and puts a \$2.5 Million Dollar Bounty on this "Beast" in the woods and a team of expert hunters go out looking for the "Silent Killer." But now years later it was never to be found and they dismissed it as an unsolved mystery! When Barbara Sanders and her free spirited college friends

venture off into the deep woods of the Northeastern Valley Mountains to look for this so called legend and for a weekend retreat, their camping

Fear the Forest is directed by Mathew Bora and stars Kevin F. Barrett, Alev Dinc Don Evens, Keghan Hurst and Anna Kendrick.

Wow, just wow. This movie is something that I really didn't expect to experience, but not in the way that was enjoyable. To start off, the acting is not a good saving point for this film. Just watching the actors deliver lines and then try to act out the emotions with those lines is tough to get through. It just looked like most of the cast belonged to a local acting guild based out of a basement at the local Blockbuster Video. Then there is the creature. I'm ok with people in rubber suits who destroy miniature cities, I'm ok with people in overalls looking to kill hormonal driven teenagers and I'm ok with people in prosthetic heavy makeup that is supposed to look like a wild animal. But just editing a basic gorilla costume to pass it off as a "scary" monster lurking in the woods is just lame. It looked like there was just no effort into creating an iconic monster but more of a comedic relief.

Overall, Fear the Forest wasn't that bad, but it wasn't great either. I wouldn't recommend going out and looking for this movie, but if it came on TV I would watch it while I flipped through channels during commercials. You could probably make this an opening movie or a marathon party, but only if you can successfully imitate an episode of MST3K. The bad acting, the bad effects and the bad video filters did not help this film at all. I wish that I had more beer to go with this movie so that I might of enjoyed it more.

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Rating: NR

Special Features: The special features were your basic features that come with most dvd selections. The Making of the Creatures featurette was the most comical yet depressing at the same time.

- Director Interview
- Behind the scenes
- = Making of the Creature
- Deleted Scenes
- Music Videos
- Theatrical <u>Trailer</u>

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