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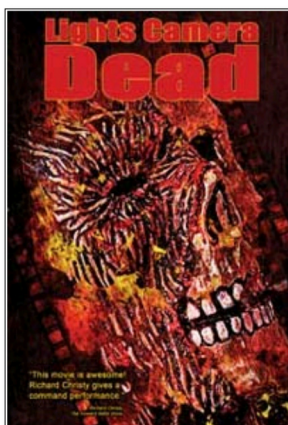
Not too shabby..

Lights Camera Dead (2007)

Directed By: Tim Reaper

The Prologue

You know I can appreciate a good concept. Even if it isn't done as well as perhaps it could have been. And director Tim Reaper (if that is his real name) does indeed have a pretty creative idea with his film **Lights Camera Dead!** Which is a nice little indie film about the pain in the ass of film making. On top of that I'm pleased to say it was pretty damn funny as well.



The Movie

Ryan and his buddy are trying to make a horror movie and as anyone knows who has ever tried to make a movie themselves, it's a stressful process. You need actors and you need crew but when you don't have money you usually try to find people to do the job for free. So when the whole idea falls apart and Ryan's full length film ends up just being a short. Ryan and his pal Steven snap, and decided the best way to make a film would be making a snuff film! And the victims will be the people who they blame for ruining the movie to start with, including Ryan's ex-girlfriend Kari.



I think the best way to describe the film is to say it's a bit like a roller coaster. When the film starts it's pretty interesting as we get a whole crowd of funny people who are obviously auditioning for roles in Ryan's movie, and they are horrible! But in a very laugh out loud kind of way. We have a wigger, a hick, and countless other characters pop up here that legit had me laughing. The movie does keep this humor going for a while it also has some very funny and clever dialogue that I think was very impressive.

Now sadly around the middle of the film things seem to drag a bit. While they are trying to get their film edited and Kari is dealing with her breakup from Ryan (over the horrible job Ryan did as a director) things do get a slight bit boring before finally picking back up near the end when the idea is made by the director and his right hand man to start killing folks for real! Its around this time the humor really seems to come back into play, but before that it's a little lost. Even the cameo by Howard Stern's pal Richard Christy doesn't do much to help matters before that.

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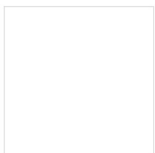
The film isn't very long so we do proceed into the third act rather quickly. Which was nice for a change because the movie doesn't stick around too long to wear out it's welcome. I think more movies should be more like that. Also I think the movie packs very creative shots from time to time (even very creative opening credits). Now there's not tons of gore when it comes it's usually pretty cool in an old school style. This along with the humor makes me suggest giving the film a watch.

The Conclusion

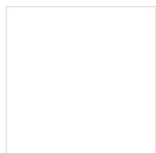
Now remember folks when dealing with an indie film a 5.5 is a lot better than a major picture with a 5.5. This movie isn't anything special but it's funny and has a pretty cool idea behind it even if the results won't win it any awards. I think it's worth seeing even if it won't be anyone's movie of the year and you can check it out yourself over at [MVD](#).

The Rating (5.5/10)

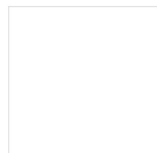
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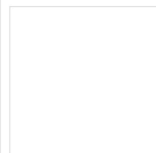
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