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Driller: A Sexual Thriller Written by: <u>Michael Den Boer</u> on January 12th, 2011



Theatrical Release Date: USA, 1984 Director: Joyce James Cast: Tajia Rae, Angelique, Renee Summers, George Payne, Michelle Maren, Mr. J, Esmeralda

DVD released: Janaury 25th, 2011 Approximate running time: 83 minutes Aspect Ratio: 1:33:1 Full Frame Rating: XXX Sound: Dolby Digital Mono English Subtitles: N/A DVD Release: Devil's Den Region Coding: Region 0 NTSC Retail Price: \$19.95

The adult film industry has had a long history of taking ideas from popular mainstream movies. Pop culture has served as another fertile source for many adult films. And while some films have taken these sources down more straight forward avenues. The majority of adult films that came about from mainstream movies and pop culture. They approach the subject matter with a satirical slant. This brings us to *Driller: A Sexual Thriller* the 1984 adult cinema oddity that is just as bizarre and entertaining now, as it was when it was first released over twenty five years ago. When broken down this film is essentially a hardcore sex version of Michael Jackson's *Thriller* music video.

The film opens with a character named Mr. J. who has given another electrifying performance for his adoring fans. After the concert a young woman named Louise and her boyfriend go back to her parents home for a auickie. Shortly thereafter they part ways for the evening and Louise prepares 10kbullets.com/.../driller-a-sexual-thrill...

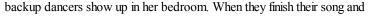




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for bed. This is when things start to get freaky as Mr. J. and his zombie





dance number. Mr. J. transforms into a werewolf and gives Louise his very large werewolf member. From there Mr. J. takes Louise to his castles dungeon. From there Louise is exposed to a assortment of sex crazed freaks.

Even though the film starts off strong story wise. Any attempt to keep as cohesive narrative is thrown out the window. Once Mr. J. arrives in Louise's bedroom. With the bulk of the film padded with sexual acts and musical numbers. And while such disregard for plot can make things tedious quickly. The dreamlike quality to the event which unfold keep things moving along. As mentioned before Thriller is clearly the main inspiration for this film. The film's opening and finale are were this inspiration is strongest. With the middle section of the film finding inspiration from a wide variety of horror films. Most notably a hunchback servant. One area in which this film was most surprising was its special effects. With the standout effect being Mr. J.'s transformation into a werewolf. Where most adult films may have some mainstream talent behind the scenes. This film also integrates many mainstream performers into the cast. From a production stand point the film is stylishly directed, briskly paced and the enthusiastic performances lend themselves perfectly to the story at hand. With the standout performance coming from Tajia Rae in the role of Louise.



The DVD:

Devil's Den presents *Driller: A Sexual Thriller* in a 1:33:1 full frame aspect ratio. This transfer was sourced from film original film elements. Colors and black levels look consistently good. Details look crisp and the image remains stable throughout. It should be noted that the opening and closing credits do not look as crisp as the rest of the transfer does.

This release comes with one audio option, a Dolby Digital Mono mix in English. The audio sounds clean, clear and balanced throughout.

Extras for this release include a trailer for the film (31 seconds -1:33:1 full frame), two image galleries, a audio interview with actress Esmeralda (4 minutes 33 seconds) and a interview with producer Timothy Green Beckley aka Mr. Creepo (27 minutes 50 seconds -1:33:1 full frame). The audio interview with Esmeralda is basically her and Timothy Green Beckley reminiscing about her scene. While the stand alone interview with Timothy

Green Beckley focuses on the production aspects of the film like the origins of the film, casting, locations, the difficulties that arose between the mainstream and adult performers and the film's original theatrical run. Overall *Driller: A Sexual Thriller* get a first rate DVD release from Devil's Den.

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