

Adults-only zombies return in “DRILLER” DVD

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Back in 1984, when Michael Jackson's zombie-laden longform music video THRILLER was all the rage, an adult-film parody called DRILLER: A SEXUAL THRILLER was produced by Timothy Green Beckley and directed by Joyce James, but has been thought lost for over 15 years. Now it's back and on DVD for the first time.



DRILLER, which predated the popular trend of porno parodies of hit mainstream movies, follows “Mr. J” as he arrives in the bedroom of superfan Louise (adult-movie legend Tajia Rae), transforms into a lycanthrope and takes her on a tour of a kinky underworld of strange, sex-hungry zombies and other creatures. Shot on 35mm and featuring original music and full-on dance numbers, DRILLER has been restored for the disc by Devil's Den with previously unseen footage and bonus features, including a video interview with Beckley, an audio interview with actress Esmeralda, two image galleries and a trailer.

Upon its initial release, Beckley says, “the stage was set for one of the most controversial cult-adult films of all time. We were accused by the ‘straight’ press of being pornographers who were ripping off the biggest musical genius of all time. The so-called ‘raincoat crowd’ didn’t understand what we were trying to accomplish by having an adult movie with real dancers, singers and our own Michael Jackson doppelganger. I am pleased to see DRILLER making the rounds to an entirely new—more hip—audience who understand that the adult market is a more mixed bag of tricks today.”

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