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Does a zombie movie about two potheads in a zombie apocalypse sound like Cannes material to you? I would have thought not. But guess again: Bong of the Dead, a movie from unknown director Thomas Newman, has made its way to arguably the greatest movie festival on Earth. What is this world coming to, you might ask... Potheads? Red carpet? Cannes? No, no, no. There has to be a reason for this farce. And there is: at a time when multi million budgets are only producing disappointment from an horror fan's perspective, this guy, Thomas Newman, came out of nowhere and made... a 5000 \$ undead smashoton.

Holy jesus. I just tapped my fist twice on my chest, then pointed my finger in Mr. Newman's unknow direction as a sign of respect. Truly. And I wish I had seen his first email with the screener he sent along. And folks, I finally watched it today... after more than one month of it sitting in my email.

And here is what I think: Sure, Bong of the Dead is not your typical Cannes movie... or even your typical movie... Potheads mixing zombie brain juice to breed ultra-potent pot makes for a very cheech and chong-esque storyline. And that is what I was expecting for the whole movie. Of course you are immediately brought back to that time you watched Up in smoke with your stash on the table, and that feeling just can't be shaken. In a way, this feels like a Cheech and Chong movie, but without Cheech and Chong. And its all set in a zombie apocalypse. And of course, that's what kept me interested.

Judging from the budget, I wasn't expecting much as far as zombie killing goes. But we already know that we shouldn't associate high budget with quality. Similarly, it is fair to say that we shouldn't automatically associate low budget with mediocrity. Proof: this movie delivers. There is enough zombie decapitation and bloodbaths to earn its place in the genre. But quite frankly, the extraordinary amount of respect that this movie and its director command makes up for any flaws.






Ultimately, this is not a chef-d'oeuvre as we say in French. No, the REALLY cool story here is the story behind Bong of the Dead. Again: 5000 \$. And 15 days of filming. And a professional looking movie as a result. Certainly, the movie has flaws, and it won't be enjoyed by all, but there are DEFINITELY worse movies out there. Yeah, X-Men: First Class, I am looking at you.



Like Rue Morgue has said: "Bong of the dead has Cult hit smeared all over it!". Indeed. And I sincerely give it two overgrown thumbs up.

Here is the Bong of the Dead Trailer

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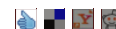
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