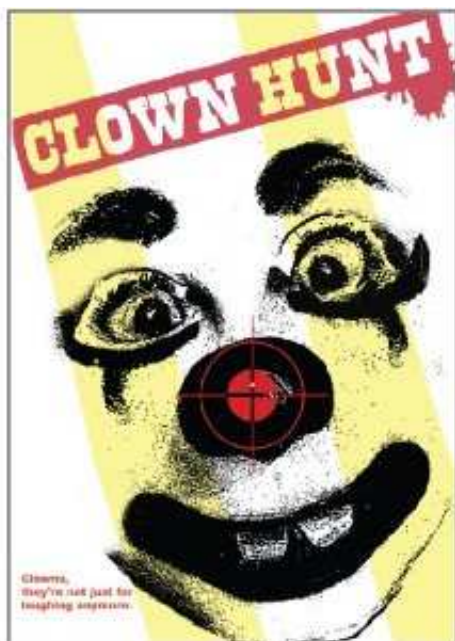


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Clown Hunt (2011) DVD Review

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It's that time of year again in Texas! Clown season. Yep, that's right, got to keep their population in check by thinning the heard of feral clowns who roam the deserts and woods doing random clown stuff. For the first few days, only happy clowns are in season but soon clowns of all mental states are fair game and the rednecks are all looking for that one perfect kill, Albino Willie. This time though, it appears that some of the clowns are fighting back and actually eating their hunters. Who will win the battle of redneck on clown violence?

So here is what I envision went down..."Hey, you know what would be funny?" "If people hunted clowns for sport, like they do deer!" "Yeah, you could have clown hunting licenses and everything!" "Hey Barry, you like making movies, right?" So, yeah, that's as about as deep as the story goes. The clowns are goofy looking and not scary; but they aren't really funny either, it's just too over the top. The rednecks are too stereotypical, obsessed with guns and all closet homosexuals with limited mental capacity. The clowns go about their ways accompanied by clown "bonk" and "boing"

sound effects, which gets rather old. There are a few funny concepts and a few gory ones, but the movie never commits to either. The penalty for bagging a sad clown while out of season is probably one of the funnier bits in the movie but these moments are too far between to make this a funny movie. Instead the majority of the meandering 70ish minute movie just drags on a bit that I just did not enjoy.

The camerawork is not an issue, as director/writer Barry Tubb does a decent job shooting this lengthy clown sketch. The outdoor shots look good, if only the script matched the visuals this could be a great movie. Acting is not strength for Clown Hunt. Surprisingly, David Keith shows up as the only recognizable name but his throwaway scene really didn't help raise the overall acting levels of this movie.

I enjoy independent films so I was really hoping for the best with Clown Hunt. Unfortunately, while cinematography is strong, the storyline is just not explored enough to make the movie fun or scary. The concept itself has a lot of potential. Clowns can be scary and or funny, so the movie could have gone either way and with a little stronger plot, could be a fun watch. In its current state, unfortunately, Clown Hunt is just a miss. I recommend skipping it.

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