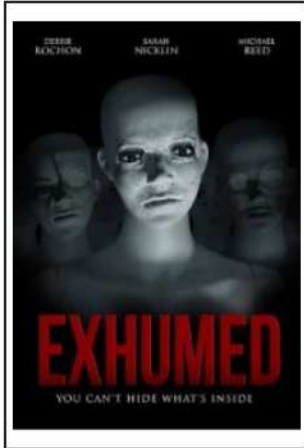


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DVD REVIEW: EXHUMED

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EXHUMED deals with a twisted family that is seemingly unable to leave their own home. Their gnarled existence and mounting animosity finally gives way to violence and visceral panic.

Exhumed is produced by Ted Marr and Kristin Kayala. Richard Griffin directs from a script written by Guy Benoit. It stars Debbie Rochon, Sarah Nicklin, Michael Thurber, Michael Reed, Rich Tretheway, Evalena Marie, Jonathan Thomson and Jocelyn Padilla.

First of all, I remember following this movie and even posting some news about it close to two years ago and it's good to see it has finally released. The movie follows this mysterious "family" who can't seem to leave their house. The viewer quickly learns that there's something twisted about the family as each character slowly reveals themselves. They welcome in a visitor who lets his curiosity get the best of him, happens every time doesn't it. The house has rules and guess what, rules get broken and then there are consequences! even though this small group looks so divided in the beginning we find out how close knit they actually are as the movie plays out. The

bickering and rebellious ways slowly stop when their ways are threatened and that's when we see the strong bond these people have with one another.

Exhumed has a number of strengths, from its strangely fascinating characters (some diabolical) that suck you in to their little sick world of hidden secrets, to how the movie was shot. The movie is shot in black and white but the lighting also plays a major part in creating the mood in this twisted little tale. This totally made me feel like I was watching a Hitchcock movie or an episode of *The Twilight Zone*. Another strength that the movie features is the haunting score. talk about something fitting in seamlessly, like a piece to a puzzle.

All of the cast is fantastic and fans of Debbie Rochon will love her role in this one. Her character is vindictive, ruthless, twisted and deadly! That's not all though, the movie also features a cast of mannequins that play an important part to this group's dark secret and its past. There are scenes with these mannequins that are just strange and creepy, for one reason I think mannequins are already creepy. Major kudos to Griffin who has delivered a solid indie horror treat and his uber talented crew for making something really special here. There are so many movies that just come and go and are completely forgotten about over time but let me tell you kiddos something, *Exhumed* is something special and one that should be celebrated maybe once a year or so, let's say sometime close to Halloween! I'd love to see this one playing on the big screen or at a drive-in, yeah this is perfect for a drive-in!

The DVD packaging sells the movie with its haunting cover that features one of these creepy mannequins front and center with a few more staring from back in the shadows. The back includes the movie's synopsis along with some quotes and the extras that are included with the release.

Bottom line is, *Exhumed* is close to being an indie horror masterpiece! The movie is like a *Twilight Zone* episode that Hitchcock directed, yeah it's that good! The DVD released on June 18th and is available everywhere so be sure you give this one a watch because it's one that shouldn't be missed!

Distributor: MVD Entertainment Group / Wild Eye Releasing

Run Time: 90 Minutes

Rated: Not Rated

Special Features: Good stuff! I loved the lengthy BTS featurette that shows how much fun they had making this little gem!

- Two Commentary Tracks
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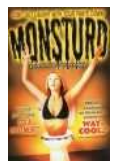
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