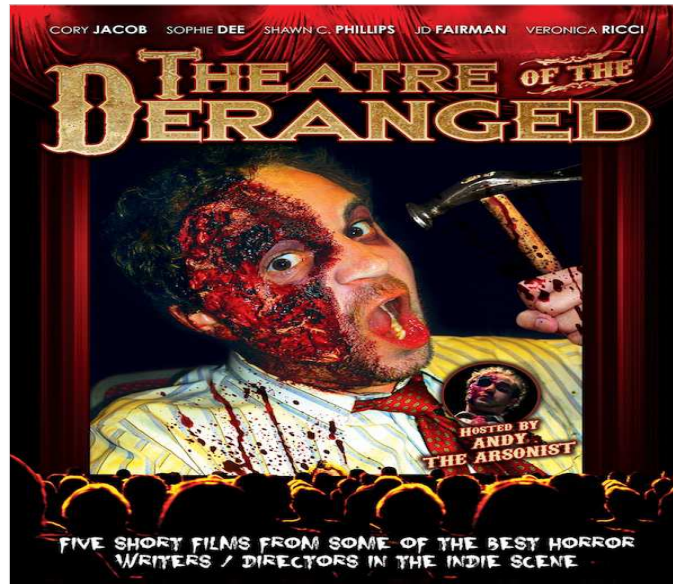


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Director: M. Kelley, Shawn C. Phillips, and Doug Waugh
Where to get it: MVD

Andy the Arsonist wishes you the warmest of welcomes to his Theatre Of The Deranged for a night of thrills, chills, spills and oh yes...Grisly, Gory Murders!. Under the eerie light of his dusty projector, your host and resident pyromaniac will treat you to five short films from some of the best horror writer/directors in the indie scene. He'll take you on a demented adventure across the English countryside, through surreal homicides, only to be eaten alive by adult film sensation Sophie Dee. But first he'll pay your admission to a sinister carnival along with horror legend Shawn C. Phillips.

Coming to us from the same camp that gave us Treasure Chest of Horrors, comes another horror anthology with a few different people behind the cameras. And while this is a film that should be praised for all the thing the other film was praised for, this is also a movie that is troubled by the very same issues as the other. But I will also admit that those issues aren't as big of an issue this time around and that helps things out a great deal. I also think the stories overall are a lot better and more thought out for Theater of the Deranged than they were for Treasure Chest of Horrors.

One improvement this time around is some of the names behind the cameras. There is at least one kind of well-known indie director here, and his story is probably the best one. That story is a bit of a slasher that takes place in the jungle. The other stories are simple, but more or less at least interesting. I also think the "horror host" this film gives us is somewhat fun while on screen. So if you see Treasure Chest of Horror from this group before you see this one, don't allow it to keep you from at least giving this one a chance. It's harmless, but still somewhat forgettable.

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