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Friday Night Frights: The Mask in 3D DVD Review

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This week I had the opportunity to review a little Canadian 3D movie called The Mask, a.k.a Eyes From Hell, a.k.a The Spooky Movie Show, a.k.a. Eyes of Hell and my favorite, a.k.a. Fire Face. Dr. Barnes is a psychiatrist who is treating an archaeologist who comes to his session one day, acting very strange and ranting about an ancient mask. After leaving the session, the young man mails the mask to Dr. Barnes and then commits suicide. The psychiatrist dons the mask and a bizzare 3D nightmare is unleashed that plunges Dr. Barnes into madness.

As with many old B movies the acting is laughably bad. Claudette Nevins as Dr. Barnes' love interest, Pam Albright was way over the top. Paul Stevens probably put in the best performance as Dr. Barnes but even so, his scenes of madness were a bit overacted as well.

The Mask was released in 1961 in black and white. The sequences where someone is wearing the mask are 3D. The 3D is actually surprisingly good for the time and the realism as people on the screen reach toward you is very well done. There are some weird floating eyeball effects that fall a little short but overall the 3D made this otherwise mediocre movie and made it quite unique and interesting. As I touched on the 3D effects, lets take a look at the mask itself. I believe they were going for some Native American or Aztec type of thing but it actually looks more like a 2nd grade art project. This provides some campy fun when watching people don the mask and go into their dreamlike 3D sequences.

As usual Cheezy Flicks included an assortment of vintage trailers and commercials, which I always enjoy. The assortment this time included Westerns and a Public Service Announcement from Julie Andrews explaining the new MPAA rating system.

Running 77 minutes long, The Mask is fun for awhile but really starts to drag toward the end once the 3D novelty wore off. I do think it would have been a good idea to include a second set of 3D glasses in case you want to watch it with a friend over a few beers. Luckily, we still have some Hanna Montanna 3D concert glasses floating around so I have that covered. Well, its really been a B Movie extravaganza today, between Creature From the Haunted Sea and The Mask in 3D I've exceeded my daily recommended intake of cheese. This movie is worth checking out for hardcore B movie fans but may not hold the interest of the casual watcher. I cautiously recommend it to like minded cheese heads like myself but if you are going to watch it with a friend, tell them to bring their own pair of glasses!

Bonus Materials:

Vintage Trailers
3D glasses

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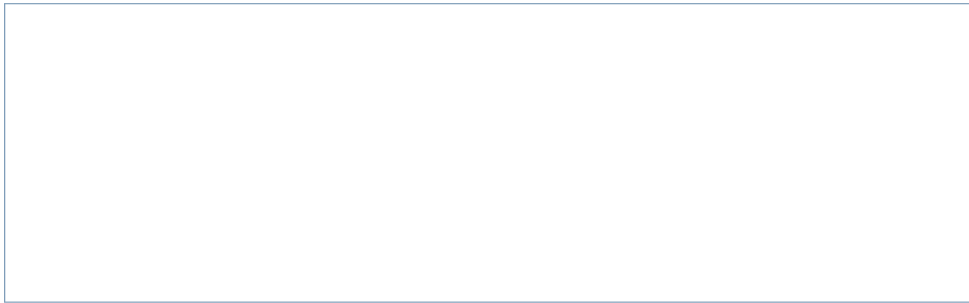
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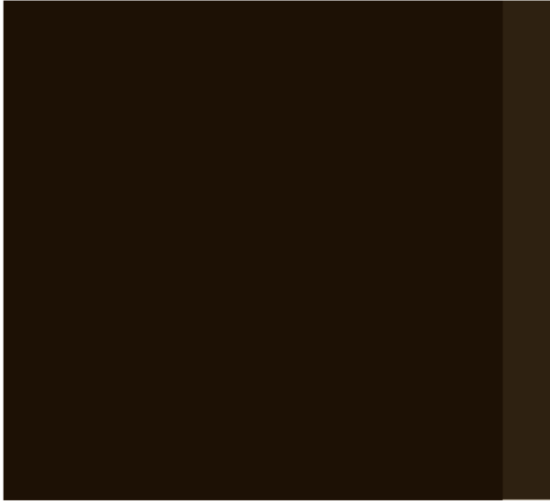
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