

5 Random QUESTIONS WITH DAN TRACHTENBERG

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In each issue of *HorrorHound*, we like to throw crazy questions at directors within the horror community. This issue, we had a chance to grill Dan Trachtenberg (*10 Cloverfield Lane*). Dan is a moderately new director who has worked in and around filmmaking for some time, having created various commercials and short films, including *Kickin'* and *Portal: No Escape*. Dan is also a well-known podcaster, having been involved with such shows as "The Totally Rad Show" and "Geekdrome." During PR for *10 Cloverfield Lane*, *HorrorHound* was given an opportunity to interview Dan for a quick 10 Random Questions; however, for the first time ever, we actually ran out of time! Having only half-way completed our 10 question goal, we still wanted to present our readers with the final result. Who knows? Maybe sometime soon, we will be able to snag those other five questions. Enjoy these five random questions with Dan Trachtenberg!



HorrorHound: Would you rather have a head the size of a grapefruit or a watermelon?

Dan Trachtenberg: I think watermelon. Better to be more capable than less capable.

HH: So, this may be a tricky one with your connection to JJ Abrams ... *Star Wars* or *Star Trek*?

DT: *Star Wars*, that's an easy one, and he'd say the same thing.

HH: What's your favorite store to shop in at the mall?

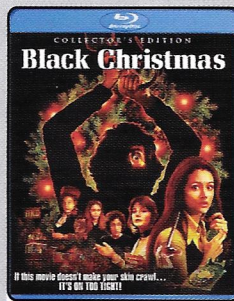
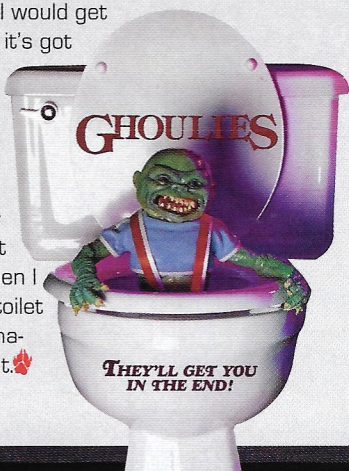
DT: Suncoast, which is where I worked.

HH: What would be your last meal?

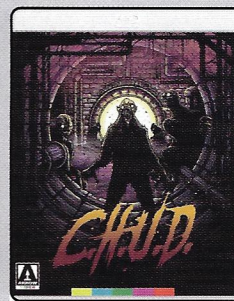
DT: It's lame ... it's super lame ... I love fondue. I love the Melting Pot. I know it's a chain restaurant, but it's a long meal. It's a delicious meal and would last a while. I would get a lot out of it, a lot of courses, and it's got a great dessert accompaniment. Totally Melting Pot.

HH: *Critters* or *Ghoulies*?

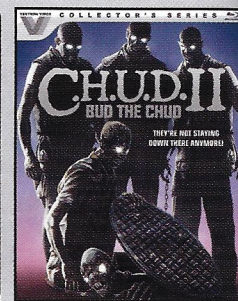
DT: Oh, *Ghoulies* for sure. *Ghoulies 2*, when he pops out of the toilet at the end, scarred me so much. When I was kid, I would always spit in the toilet to ward off anything. It really traumatized me. So *Ghoulies*, 100 percent. 🍅



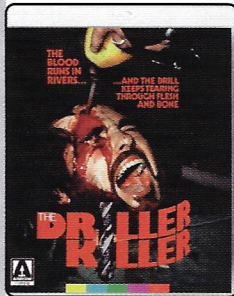
Black Christmas
Available: December 6th
Details: Olivia Hussey and John Saxon star in this iconic slasher film from director Bob Clark. Extras for this collector's edition are TBA.



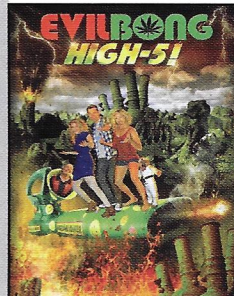
C.H.U.D.
Available: November 22nd
Details: The O.G. underdweller feature hits BD via Arrow with a new restoration, director and cast commentary, and more.



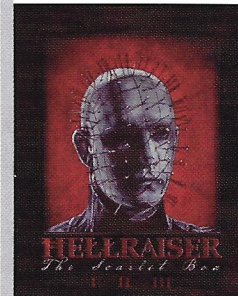
C.H.U.D. II: Bud the Chud
Available: November 22nd
Details: The Gerrit Graham-led *C.H.U.D.* sequel hits BD via Vestron with a director commentary, actor/crew interviews, and more.



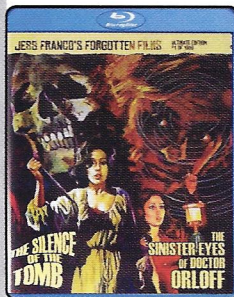
The Driller Killer
Available: November 29th
Details: This new restoration of Abel Ferrara's 1979 classic includes a director commentary, interview, and feature-length documentary.



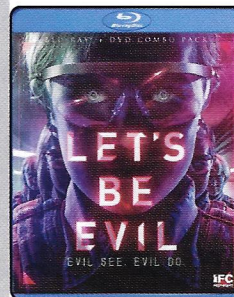
Evil Bong: High-5!
Available: December 13th
Details: Hitting mass release in November is this cinematic masterpiece (if you're high) from Full Moon Films.



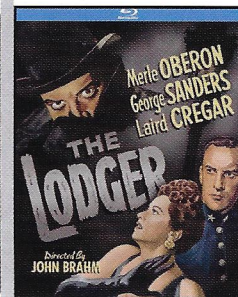
Hellraiser: The Scarlet Box
Available: December 13th
Details: This LE three-disc set from Arrow includes the first three *Hellraiser* films, an exclusive book, and too many bonus extras to count!



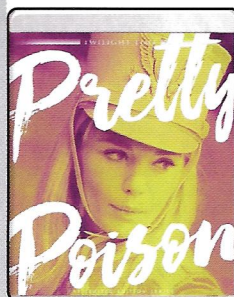
Jess Franco's Forgotten Films Vol 1
Available: November 22nd
Details: Dorado presents a standard and 1,500 numbered edition (with a limited book) of rare Franco films.



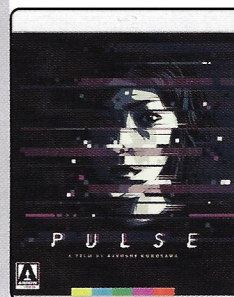
Let's Be Evil
Available: December 13th
Details: Another IFC indie coming from Shout! Factory, *Let's Be Evil* follows a group of gifted kids in an advanced learning program.



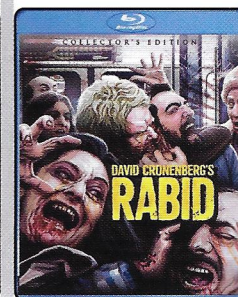
The Lodger
Available: November 22nd
Details: Kino Lorber present this SE of John Brahm's 1944 classic with two historian commentaries, a making-of featurette, and more.



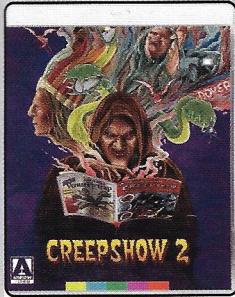
Pretty Poison
Available: November 15th
Details: Anthony Perkins stars in this 1968 film that strikes similar chords to true life tales of Bonnie and Clyde or Starkweather and Fugate.



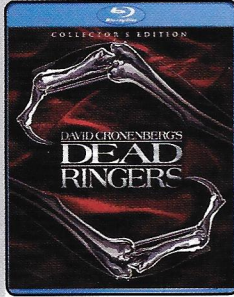
Pulse
Available: December 6th
Details: Arrow unleashes Kiyoshi Kurosawa's classic Asian-horror haunter with all-new interviews, archive material, and making-of content.



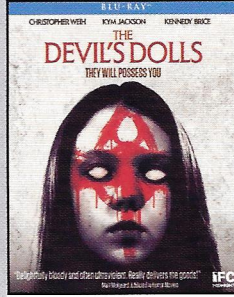
Rabid
Available: November 22nd
Details: This iconic Cronenberg film comes with a new 2K restoration, various audio commentaries, interviews, trailers, and more.



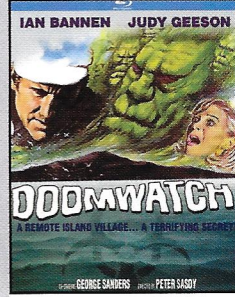
Creepshow 2
Available: December 13th
Details: Arrow kills it with this two-disc 2K restoration with various audio commentaries, behind-the-scenes footage, and more.



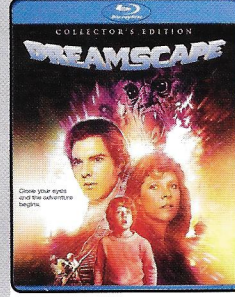
Dead Ringers
Available: November 15th
Details: David Cronenberg's 1988 film starring Jeremy Irons hits video with a new high-def transfer, commentary with Irons, and more.



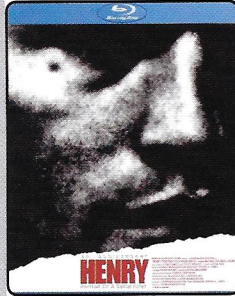
The Devil's Dolls
Available: December 6th
Details: In a hunt for a serial killer, an ancient curse consumes a city, causing brutal murders in this modern IFC Midnight release.



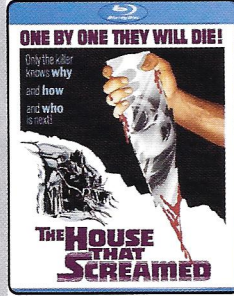
Doomwatch
Available: December 6th
Details: Kino Lorber unveils a high-def release of the 1972 Ian Bannen and Judy Geeson film about a mysterious island's hidden dangers.



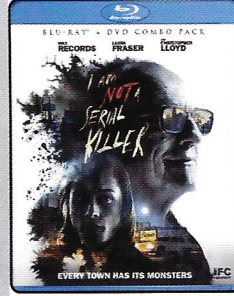
Dreamscape
Available: December 13th
Details: Dennis Quaid stars in this dream-seeking adventure thriller hitting BD from Shout! Factory. Sadly, no extras were yet revealed.



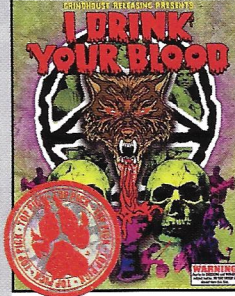
Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer
Available: December 6th
Details: Dark Sky Films will introduce a brand-new 4K restoration of John McNaughton's classic film.



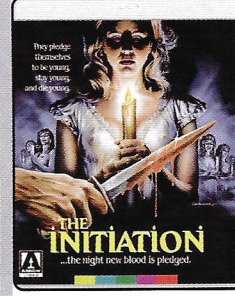
The House That Screamed
Available: December 20th
Details: This 1969 horror follows a school for wayward girls whose population is decreasing day by day. Can the killer be found out?



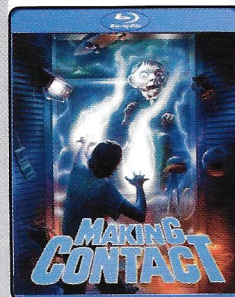
I Am Not a Serial Killer
Available: December 13th
Details: Shout Factory issues this IFC indie about a man obsessed with serial killers who must decide if he has it in him to be what he tempts.



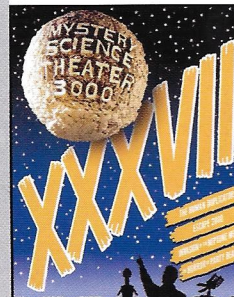
I Drink Your Blood
Available: November 8th
Details: Grindhouse Releasing issue this uncensored director cut with a limited run of promo syrings. Plus too many extras to list.



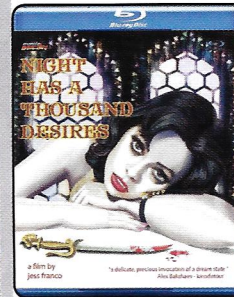
The Initiation
Available: November 8th
Details: This sorority horror title comes newly restored, with an audio commentary and new actor interviews. A limited run includes a booklet.



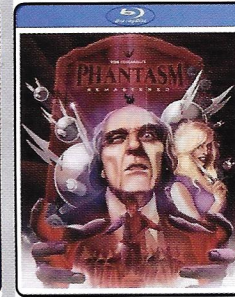
Making Contact
Available: November 29th
Details: Kino Lorber presents this 1985 obscurity from the director of *Stargate* and *Independence Day* - Roland Emmerich.



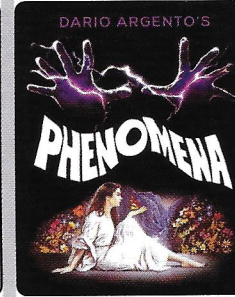
MST3K XXXVII
Available: November 22nd
Details: Includes *The Human Duplicators*, *Escape 2000*, *Invasion of the Neptune Men*, and *Horror of Party Beach*.



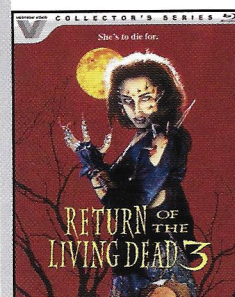
Night Has a Thousand Desires
Available: Now Available
Details: Mondo Macabro unveiled plans for this 1984 Jess Franco Euro-sleaze masterpiece.



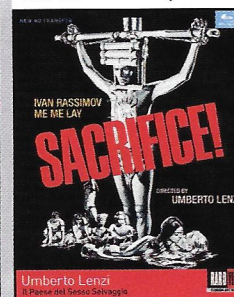
Phantasm
Available: December 6th
Details: Well Go USA presents this 4K restoration of the cult-classic Coscarelli film, which also streets the same day as *ReVager*.



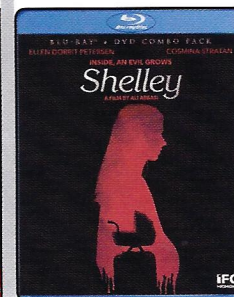
Phenomena
Available: November 15th
Details: *Phenomena* hits steelbook via Synapse in various editions. The main set includes three cuts of the film and the CD soundtrack.



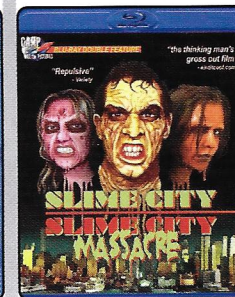
Return of the Living Dead 3
Available: November 22nd
Details: Vestron unleashes this gem of a sequel in its uncut glory. Two commentary tracks and interviews make up this disc.



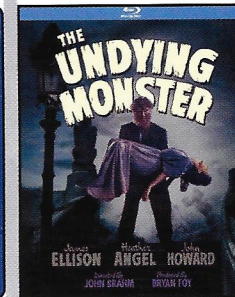
Sacrifice!
Available: November 29th
Details: RareVideo U.S. unveiled plans for this 1972 Umberto Lenzi cannibal film (also known as *Deep River Savages*).



Shelley
Available: December 13th
Details: A couple make a deal with a Romanian maid to bear a child for them. Unfortunately, things don't go as they'd hoped.



Slime City/Slime City Massacre
Available: December 13th
Details: Camp Motion Pictures issue a double feature of Gregory Lamberson's 1989 cult film and sequel.



The Undying Monster
Available: November 22nd
Details: Kino Lorber's Blu-ray release of director John Brahm's 1942 film will see release with a new featurette on the films of Brahm.

DVD & Blu-ray Release Schedule
 A week-by-week rundown of notable DVD and BD titles:

November 8, 2016
Amigo Undead (BD)
Bloodshock (BD+DVD+CD)
I Drink Your Blood (BD)
The Initiation (BD+DVD)
Plan 9 (DVD)

November 15, 2016
The Boston Strangler (BD)
Dead Ringers (BD)
Phenomena (BD+CD)
Pretty Poison (BD)
Rocktober Blood (DVD)

November 22, 2016
C.H.U.D. (BD)
C.H.U.D. II: Bud the Chud (BD)
The Greasy Strangler (BD/DVD)
Intruder (BD+DVD)
Jess Franco's

Forgotten Films Vol 1 (BD)
The Lodger (BD)
MST3K: XXXVII (DVD)
Rabid (BD)
Return of the Living Dead 3 (BD)
The Undying Monster (BD)
Yoga Hosers (BD/DVD)

November 29, 2016
Don't Breathe (BD/DVD)
The Driller Killer (BD+DVD)
Making Contact (BD)
Sacrifice! (BD)

December 6, 2016
The Devil's Dolls (BD/DVD)
Dead Rising: Endgame (BD)
Doomwatch (BD)
Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer (BD)
Late Night Double Feature (BD)
Phantasm (BD/DVD)
Phantasm: ReVager (BD/DVD)
Pulse (BD+DVD)
Siren (DVD)
Zoo: S2 (DVD)

December 13, 2016
Black Christmas (BD)
Creepshow 2 (BD)
Dreamscape (BD)
Evil Gen: High-5! (DVD)
The Ecstasy of Isabel Mann (DVD)
Fear the Walking Dead: S2 (DVD/BD)
Hellraiser:

The Scarlet Box (DVD)
The Hybrid (DVD)
I Am Not a Serial Killer (BD+DVD)
Jack Frost (BD)
Let's Be Evil (BD+DVD)
Rock N' Roll Frankenstein (DVD)
Shelley (BD+DVD)
Slime City/Slime City Massacre (BD)
Sudden Fear (BD)

December 20, 2016
Hitchcock/Trauffaut (BD)
The House That Screamed (BD)

* DVD or Blu-ray formats are indicated in parentheses.
 ** Release dates subject to change.