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Film Review: Banshee!!!

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Banshee!!! (2008)

Studio: Synthetic Cinema

Release Date: March 23, 2010

Directed By: Colin Theys

Cast: Ashley Bates, David McCarthy, Kevin Shea, Kerry McGann & Troy Walcott.

Review By: Annie Riordan

Uh, just so you know – adding numerous exclamation marks to the title of your horror movie does not make it more exciting or watchable. Although, considering the juvenile depths to which this film unashamedly plunges, I suppose I should consider myself lucky that it wasn't written in all caps, or perhaps spelled: “B@N\$HEE!!!”

Ugh, I'll try to make this as brief and as painless as humanly possible so you won't have to suffer as I did. Banshee!!! is the story of a bunch of vacuous teens who don't really like each other but decide to go camping in the deep dark woods together anyway. Their trip coincides with the accidental release of a centuries-old monster from the ruins of a wrecked car, recently uncovered by backwoods redneck and possible former WWE wrestler Jack. Oh, and it ALSO coincides with a visit from Jack's beloved grandson, an aspiring rock star who goes by the lame name of “Rocker”.

Anyway, the monster is a banshee, a creature who can emit high frequency sound waves which can either burst your eardrums or make you think it's actually a hot young hitchhiker. Yeah, okay... Anyway, it gets loose, kills off the most dispensable cast members (i.e. the horny young couple and the lone black guy) and corners Jack, Rocker, and semi-pretty Veronica in an isolated cabin. Veronica and Rocker immediately fall in love, the Banshee(!!!) overcomes its shitty CGI handicaps long enough to rip apart some people you didn't care about anyway, and Rocker finally decides to fight fire with fire, by challenging the creature with a scorching hair-metal solo from his electric gee-tar!

Wow, yeah, uh...this sucks. It's so amateurishly incompetent that it's painful. Honestly, I've seen SyFy original movies that weren't as wretched as this. Banshee!!! encapsulates everything you've come to expect from low-budget horror: bad acting, worse special effects, and a plot so predictable it would have been more merciful to present us with a still-shot of a flow chart for an hour and a half.

And Rocker's guitar solo? Yeah, Yngwie Malmsteen isn't exactly crouched in a corner shaking, buddy.

Bottom line: should have been titled “Banshee???”

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Paul said:

Twain said using exclamation points is like laughing at your own joke. I hate to see them, but even more so multiple usage infractions.

8 May 2010 at 6:52 am



Marc (author) said:

Multiple use infraction pisses me off!!! 😊

8 May 2010 at 3:40 pm

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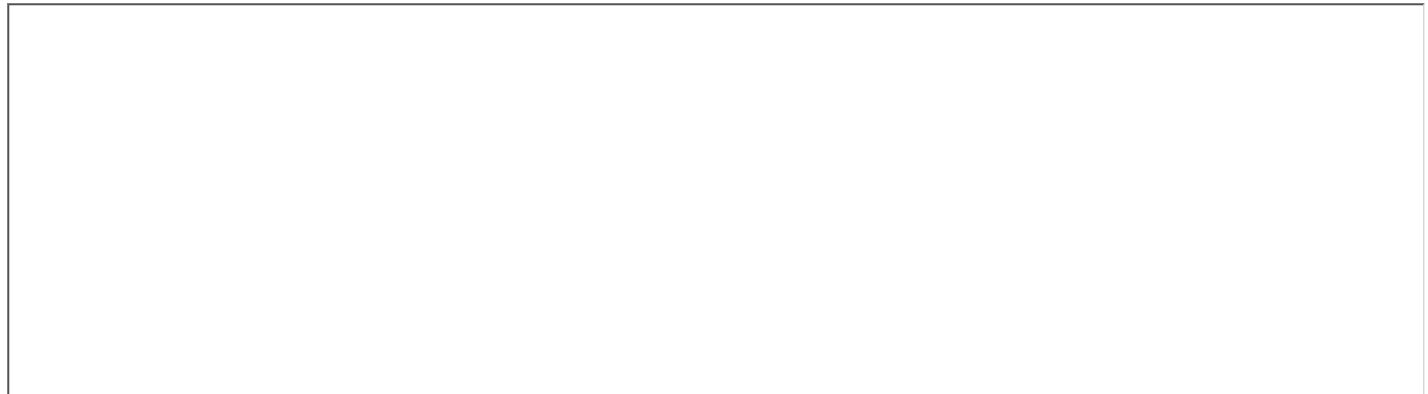
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