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Banshee!!!

DVD | APPROX. 86 MINS | 2008 | USA | UNRATED | SYNTHETIC CINEMA INTERNATIONAL / MVD VISUAL
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THE PLOT *What's it all about?*

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Banshee!!! is about a group of college teenagers who decide to go camping in the woods for their spring break. As soon as they set foot in the woods a hideous bloodthirsty creature begins to stalk their every move. With the ability to hallucinate and manipulate the minds of it's selected prey, the group are one by one hunted down and torn to shreds. As the remaining survivors take refuge in a small isolated farmhouse, they soon figure out the creatures weak points and agree to stand their ground to fight back against the vicious creature.

THE VIDEO *How good does it look?*

The video is presented in a 1.78:1 anamorphic widescreen that has been HD digital mastered. Some scenes throughout the film look darker than others, while dark levels bleed into the colours. The daylight scenes were a tad to bright and could have done with a little tinting, but overall the picture was reasonably bright and clear.

Cover Art



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Cast & Crew

Directed by

Colin Theys

Written by

John Doolan
 Gregory C. Parker
 Christian Pindar

Cast

Ashley Bates
 David McCarthy
 Kevin Shea
 Kerry McGann
 Iris McQuillan-Grace
 Troy Walcott
 A. Mike Forgette
 Lee Pat...

THE AUDIO

How crisp is the sound?

The audio is presented in English 5.1 Dolby Digital surround sound with the option of choosing either English or Spanish subtitles. The dialog is crisp clear and very easy to understand as the same goes with the screams from the Banshee. The sound effects to the gun fire reminded me of someone smashing a tin can over amplifying the sound of a tap gun.



THE EXTRAS

Are there any extras?

In the extra department you have a audio commentary, bloopers and outtakes - which will get a few giggles from, deleted scenes - that didn't end up making it to the film and lucky last a theatrical trailer of Banshee!!!. Overall a good round of extras to keep many viewers comfortably planted in there seats.



FINAL THOUGHTS

Is it worth your hard earned cash?

Greg Nutter
Ken LaMothe

Disc Specifications

- ✓ Region 1
- ✗ Anamorphic Widescreen (1.78:1)
- ✗ Full Frame
- ✗ PAL
- ✓ NTSC
- ✗ DTS
- ✗ Dolby Digital 2.0
- ✓ English: Dolby Digital 5.1
- ✓ Trailers
- ✓ Audio Commentary
- ✓ Deleted/Extended Scenes
- ✗ Documentary
- ✗ Featurette
- ✓ Spanish/English: Subtitles
- ✗ Slideshow/Poster Gallery
- ✓ Number of Disc's: 1

Disc Scores

Video



Audio



Extras



Overall



DVD Recommendations

- I Sell the Dead [Blu-ray]
- Legend of the Sandsquatch
- A Deadly Little Christmas
- Dead Snow [Blu-ray]
- Carry

Banshee!!! is a low budget sci-fi / horror film directed by Colin Theys, who also happens to be a gifted digital effects artist. The film manages to start off with a rather strong climax, drawing the viewer deep into the film straight from the beginning. But as soon as you hit around the 40 minute mark, boredom slowly starts to creep in and before you know it the credits begin to roll, leaving the viewer wondering two things "was the film actually completed?" and "where did the creature come from". None the less the creature itself didn't really do anything in the film but just randomly attack it's victims.

Along with a ending that seemed to be rushed or heavily edited and will frustrate the shit out of anyone who watches this film, whilst also having to endure a poorly written screenplay that didn't make too much sense. And I truly feel sorry for the actors having to make heads or tales of their character when reading the script.

Though honestly, the only thing that is going for Banshee!!! is probably the visual/special effects. And why wouldn't it, filmmaker They's clearly knows his shit as he created the Banshee to look like an oversized walking / flying bat, that uses sharp wooden spikes as weapons along with the ability to use a persons mind against them.

The gore factor was mildly "bloody" enjoyable, one memorable scene was a head explosion that I guess you can say pays homage to that wonderful news-reporter scene from Scanners (1981). You also get to see a few slit, guts ripped out, a couple impalements and a head torn off someone's shoulders. I know it sounds all good doesn't it, though don't be fooled, some of the kills are so ridiculous you really can't help laughing.

One thing when it comes to a horror film, you got to have at least 1 topless scene or clothe-less make out/sex scene. Sorry but Banshee!!! doesn't contain any nudity whatsoever.

Banshee is a fairly predictable creature feature flick that only fans of low-budget entertainment that make their way on the sci-fi channel, will definitely like. As for everyone else, just remember this isn't a blockbuster creature feature film, so you just might want to play it safe and rent to buy, before deciding to buy to own.



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