



## Jug Face

The hillbilly horror film “Jug Face” effectively retools a backwoods legend involving a haunted pit and clay jugs upon which the faces of doomed people are sculpted. The yokels we meet in Chad Crawford Kinkle’s freshman feature live so deep in the sticks that such bizarre fundamentalist rites as snake-handling and speaking in tongues have yet to reach them. Instead, they behead blasphemers and sinners over the pit, so as to appease the creature they fear will devastate their village if they don’t behave. Lauren Ashley Carter is quite engaging as a teenager who wants to break away from the crazy rules imposed on her by parents played by Sean Young (yes, that Sean Young) and Larry Fessenden. By faking a pregnancy to avoid an arranged marriage with a dunce, the teenager inadvertently signs her own death certificate ... or does she? “Jug Face” isn’t particularly frightening, but Kinkle does capture the creepiness of living in an isolated community populated by inbred lunatics. Kinkle’s terrific horror short, “Organ Grinder,” is included in the DVD package, along with a making-of featurette.

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