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Scream Park (DVD Review) - Wild Eye Releasing



USA/2014
 Directed By: Cary Hill
 Written By: Cary Hill
 Starring: Wendy Wygant, Steve Rudzinski, Nivek Ogre
 Color/84 Minutes/Not Rated
 Region FREE
 Release Date: April 22, 2014

The Film

The teen employees of Fright Land theme park are celebrating their final day of work as the park is closing for good due to poor attendance. They manage to score some booze and persuade their weird manager to let them party inside the park because what could possibly go wrong? Well, in the world of the slasher film, everything will go wrong with teens drinking and fucking. Duh. As the night goes on, the teens notice some of their friends are missing and some strange masked figures are lurking in the shadows and it is only a matter of time before the masked men come out of the shadows and start disposing of teens in violent fashion, making sure to leave a trail of blood and guts strewn across the park.

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SCREAM PARK follows all of the classic slasher film rules that you learned at summer camp with Jason Voorhees running around. You could call it cliched but SCREAM PARK has an obvious love of the genre, and despite some missteps in the technical side of things such as awkward editing and cuts or poor framing at times it has its heart in the right place and director Cary Hill churns out an entertaining slasher film. I think the most surprising thing here is that there are at least a few very likable characters which isn't always the case in films such as this.

I won't sit here and say SCREAM PARK is perfect, it isn't. Far from it. I've already mentioned a few flaws, and there are more beyond that, but it steamrolls beyond its flaws and draws the viewer in with gore and tits to have us enjoy ourselves for the brisk 84 minute runtime. The slasher film has once again become a popular staple of the horror genre over the last few years and SCREAM PARK is a pleasant surprise among many big disappointments.

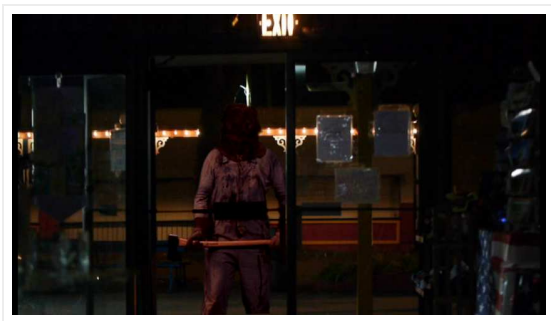
The Audio & Video

[Wild Eye Releasing](#) gives SCREAM PARK a home on DVD and the quality is good. The 16x9 widescreen transfer doesn't suffer too much from a small budget on the film. The digital photography looks fine for the most part, with just a few darker scenes suffering from compression. Overall the image quality isn't an issue though. The audio is also just fine. Dialogue levels are mixed well with the soundtrack and both compliment each other without fighting for your attention.



The Extras

- Audio Commentary
- Bloopers Reel
- Trailers



The Bottom Line

Slasher fanatics will find SCREAM PARK to be an entertaining throwback to the golden age of the body count films of the 1980s and that it has more heart behind it

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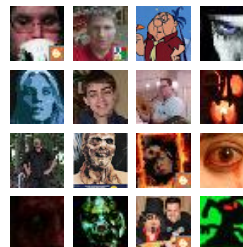
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