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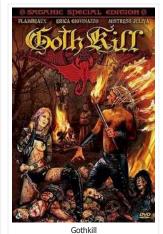
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Gothkill DVD (JJ Connelly; MVD Visual/Wild Eye Releasing) This self-described 'tongue-in-cheek horror fest' is definitely one of those very indie type of films that can only be enjoyed by those who are truly forgiving of the complete lack of things like production value, acting ability, special effects, and the like—which is to say that this is a film tailor-made for the MM coven. The story here revolves around Nick Dread (portrayed by fetish performer Flambeaux), who pops up throughout to narrate, explaining through flashbacks that he was a Catholic priest during the Inquisition, burned as a heretic by fellow priests after he confesses to realizing the hypocrisy of the Church's actions, promised by Satan himself that he would rule his own kingdom in Hell filled with 100,000 souls (after he collected them all himself in life after reincarnated life), then betrayed by Satan and denied all of the souls he had personally delivered to Hell. There is a secondary story about some naïve young college girls, fresh to New York City (where the modern parts of the story take place)—and, of course, the stories intertwine when the girls stumble

into bogus vampire coven operating within the city's underground Goth scene. All, ahem, Hell breaks loose during the climactic finale. This one's got it all: blood, gratuitous nudity, fire, and a soundtrack filled with original black metal and darkwave tracks performed by underground artists such as Hate In The Box, HUNG, The Tombstone Brawlers, and Lyris Hung (who composed the score). This will be worth it to many for a deliciously satanic appearance by metal goddess Mistress Juliya, and to others for appearances by avant-garde performers like Eve Blackwater, Julie Saad, Michael Day, Tom 'Misfit' Velez, and Anastasia Andino. Death metal aficionados will delight in the Conan-inspired cover art by legendary cover artist Mike Hrubovcak (check out www.visualdarkness.com if you don't know him by name) on this 'Satanic Special Edition' DVD, which also hosts a slew of special features. 'Gothkill' is nothing if not entertaining, and I had a blast watching it. The Impaler

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