

Make your nightmares come true



DEAD GOOD: Your chance to win a horror film competition

Budding horror directors asked to get out the tomato ketchup

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IS Spielberg your middle name, or do you hanker after being the next Martin Scorsese?

If so, this is your big chance to get on the first rung of that ladder to global stardom, but it may be better if you were more a John Carpenter or George A Romero.

The lights are dim, and the heads are rolling for entries to the 2 Days Later Short Horror Film Competition, so zombies and ghouls will be rising from the dead – again.

Budding local filmmakers are being invited to take part in the third sequel of the major contest.

After the success of the previous two years, Beeping Bush Productions

and Close-Up Film – two East Kent media companies – have again joined forces to encourage the wealth of filmmaking talent in the region.

The name of the contest gives it away a little – you have just two days to record your hack and slash fiesta.

It can only run for 10 minutes – the judges don't all want to lose their breakfast together.

And you have to include some main requirements which you get from a brief issued by the judges.

But your masterpiece of gore can be produced on any format, but final delivery must be either on miniDV tape or DVD Video (PAL).

All submissions must be of the horror/suspense/chiller genre.

Mick Etherton, from Beeping Bush and the 2DL festival organiser, said: "Just get out there with your mates, a camera, make-up and a bottle of ketchup!"

"We had 18 entries for the last two years' competitions, 14 were from local students and local first-time filmmakers.

"The standard of films is always surprisingly high, ranging from the super scary, to the frightfully funny, with some wonderful storylines."

Tarantino

Previous winners received places on a two-day intensive filmmaking course with Dov S-S Simens, the man who trained Quentin Tarantino and Guy Ritchie.

This year's entrants will again stand the chance of winning a place on a top filmmaking course with Raindance, the UK's leading independent film organisation, plus an assortment of other prizes including box sets of horror DVDs and books. Judging will be by a specially selected jury comprising of film professionals, as well as an audience popular vote, and best student film categories.

Shortlisted films will be screened at the Halloween Awards Ceremony and after party on Saturday, October 29, at the Community Pharmacy Gallery, Margate, and may be included in a specially selected compilation 2 Days Later DVD, to be marketed to international film festivals and screened at cinemas around Kent.

Closing date for submissions is October 24, 2005.

For full details go to www.2dayslater.co.uk or call Beeping Bush Productions on 01843 223800.