

FIFTH FLOOR FILM PRESENTS

VIGOR MORTIS

A SHORT FILM BY
KRISTOF MATEUSEN & FREDERIC CERVINI
BASED ON A STORY BY H.P.LOVECRAFT

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SYNOPSIS

Vigor Mortis is based on a classic short story by famed horror author H.P. Lovecraft (°1890 - †1937). The film tells the story of Edgar, a young man who, under influence of his charismatic but decadent friend St. John, is dragged into that most heinous of crimes: grave robbing.

On one of their nightly excursions St. John and Edgar find an amulet of exotic design in a freshly unearthed coffin. After returning to their mansion, the graverobbers soon learn that they are no longer alone. Strange noises and disturbing events herald the dreadful curse that is descending upon them.

In an attempt to escape his grisly fate, Edgar returns to the cemetery to restore the amulet to its rightful resting place. But it appears that that is easier said than done...

Director: Kristof Mateusen

Director of Photography: Frederic Cervini

Producer: Fifth Floor Film

BIOGRAPHY H.P. LOVECRAFT

Howard Philips Lovecraft (° 20th of August 1890 – † 15th of March 1937) is an American author of horror, fantasy and science fiction stories. His works are based upon the idea that human existence is futile and the universe fundamentally alien and incomprehensible. Those who, like Lovecraft's protagonists, genuinely reason about such thing gamble with their sanity.

Each of Lovecraft's stories is part of a larger *mythos*, which encompasses his entire literary work. A uniting element in all his work is the reference to a vast pantheon of powerful and alien entities that make humanity seems small and insignificant.

Although Lovecraft's readership was limited during his life, his reputation has grown over the decades. Now, he is commonly regarded as one of the most influential horror writers of the twentieth century and frequently compared to other literary pioneers like Edgar Allan Poe.

FIFTH FLOOR FILM

Founded in early 2007, Fifth Floor Film (FFF) is a collaboration of two young Belgian filmmakers. FFF is committed to create short films with high production values on a budget by focus of purpose. With this manifesto they seek to take their place in the fledging Belgian movie industry as well as establish themselves in the global internet-based moviemaking community.

Vigor Mortis is their first project. This psychological thriller/horror movie short will function as their calling card for future projects. Production on this film started in spring 2007 and will wrap shooting in October 2008. FFF hopes to release the finished short in spring 2009.

BIOGRAPHY FILMMAKERS

KRISTOF MATEUSEN – DIRECTOR / SCRIPT WRITER

Born in 1976, self-taught Renaissance man Kristof Mateusen became very early on in his life enamored with the cinematic art and decided to learn as much as humanly possible about it.

While graduating as a civil engineer – architect he wrote a transdisciplinary thesis about the relation between film and modern society. This acclaimed study dissected film noir as an urban mythology.

Kristof is one of the founding members of Fifth Floor Film. He is currently working as an architect in Oud – Turnhout, Belgium where he resides with his wife and two kids.

FREDERIC CERVINI – CO – DIRECTOR / DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Frederic, with an artistic mother and an engineer as a father, has always enjoyed the technical as well as the practical side of photography. Although he has a fair interest in science, film making remains his passion.

Graduating as industrial engineer he felt that he needed to get back in touch with the artistic side of technology and continued his studies to obtain a MSc in Computer Animation at Bournemouth University.

After working for four years in the London Visual Effects Industry where he worked on movies such as Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory he returned back to Turnhout, Belgium to start his own post production company called Refractor. He is one of the founding members of Fifth Floor Film.

JOËL NUYENS – LINE PRODUCER

Joël Nuyens is a longtime hobbyist filmmaker, having already written, directed or starred in countless short films, most of which were humorous in nature.

The lion's share of his films, Joël made while working as a youth counselor. Throughout his career he has always been a strong advocate of working with video to engage and impassion young adults.

Joël views both filmmaking and the medium itself as being first and foremost about human relations. Capitalizing on his managerial skills, FFF has taken Joël on board as a freelance line producer.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Title Vigor Mortis

Genre Psychological Thriller / Horror

Language..... Dutch

Location Turnhout, Belgium

Shooting Period September '08

Distributor Fifth Floor Film

Running Time ± 15 minutes