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THE OVERLOOK FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES OPENING NIGHT FILM – THE WORLD PREMIERE OF STEPHANIE FROM DIRECTOR AKIVA GOLDSMAN AND BLUMHOUSE PRODUCTIONS WHO PREVIOUSLY COLLABORATED ON THE PARANORMAL ACTIVITY FRANCHISE

Following the Screening of STEPHANIE, Goldsman and Blumhouse Will Unveil and Screen Their Favorite PARANORMAL ACTIVITY Film

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(PORTLAND, OR) – The Overlook Film Festival reveals further details about its line-up today including its Opening Night film- STEPHANIE from Akiva Goldsman, a special screening and its Visionary Award winner. In its first year, the festival is bringing 39 films (22 features and 17 short films from 16 countries) to Mt. Hood's Timberline – the hotel used as the exterior setting of the infamous Overlook Hotel in Stanley Kubrick's masterpiece THE SHINING, located just one hour east of Portland, Oregon.

The Opening Night Selection of the 2017 edition of The Overlook Film Festival will be the world premiere of STEPHANIE, a supernatural horror-thriller from director Akiva Goldsman and Blumhouse Productions. The film is written by Ben Collins and Luke Piotrowski and stars Frank Grillo (Blumhouse's The Purge franchise), Anna Torv (Fringe), and Shree Crooks (American Horror Story, Captain Fantastic). STEPHANIE reunites two forces behind the PARANORMAL ACTIVITY franchise - executive producer Goldsman and Blumhouse. Following the screening of STEPHANIE, Goldsman and Jason Blum will participate in a Q and A and unveil and then screen their favorite PARANORMAL ACTIVITY film.

The festival's Visionary Award will also be presented to Blumhouse Productions for the company's work with directors like Goldsman on unique, micro-budget genre films. Jason Blum will accept the award on behalf of the company. The Visionary Award was established to honor a contemporary horror figure or company elevating the genre, while fostering the community by providing opportunities for new talent to thrive.

"We couldn't be more pleased to have STEPHANIE as the Opening Night film on this first year of the festival," said Festival Co-Director Michael Lerman. "With this film, Akiva Goldsman has crafted a horror thriller that's going to take audiences to unexpected places. We're proud to be its site of premiere," added Festival Co-Director Landon Zakheim.

Opening Night Film:

World Premiere
STEPHANIE

Director: Akiva Goldsman
United States, 2017

Stephanie re-unites Blumhouse with Academy Award winning writer and director Akiva Goldsman (director: Winter's Tale, writer: A Beautiful Mind, The Da Vinci Code, executive producer: the Paranormal Activity franchise) for this supernatural horror-thriller. In the not too distant future, after a global crisis, Stephanie is left alone in her remote home, while a dark supernatural force looms in the background. When her mother and

father return to claim her, the malevolent power spins out of control with Stephanie at the center.

Special Presentation

Surprise Paranormal Activity Event and Visionary Award Presentation

The Overlook Film Festival's Visionary Award will be presented to Blumhouse Productions, after which Blum and Goldsman will screen their favorite PARANORMAL ACTIVITY film in the franchise that helped launch Blumhouse.

Important Dates

April 27: Festival begins

To keep up to date with The Overlook Film Festival, visit <http://www.overlookfilmfest.com/>. Follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/OverlookFilmFestival/>) and on Twitter (@TheOverlookFest) and Instagram (@OverlookFilmFest) and join the conversation using the hashtag #OverlookFilmFest

Film stills and festival artwork available to download at <http://www.overlookfilmfest.com/press/>

The Overlook Film Festival

The Overlook Film Festival is a 4-day celebration of horror that runs from April 24 - 30, 2017 at the historic Timberline Lodge located in Mt. Hood, Oregon, featured in Stanley Kubrick's masterpiece THE SHINING as the location of the infamous Overlook Hotel. Presenting superior film programming with an expanded focus on experiential events, the festival showcases exciting work in new and classic horror cinema alongside the latest in interactive and live shows for a fully immersive weekend. As a summer camp for genre fans, The Overlook is a community event bringing the best of horror in all its forms to an enthusiastic and appreciative audience within an intimate and inspirational environment.

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