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**U.S. THEATRICAL PREMIERE OF "CARVED: THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN"
TO CLOSE 2007 SPOOKY MOVIE FILM FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2007 | FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA**

"...unsettling..." – Variety

"An instant horror classic" - Scream Magazine

THE 2007 SPOOKY MOVIE FILM FESTIVAL is proud to announce the U.S. Theatrical Premiere of the Japanese thriller CARVED: THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN as its Closing Night feature. Inspired by the popular Japanese urban legend of "Kuchisake Onna (a.k.a. The Slit Mouthed Woman)," director Kojo Shiraishi (NOROI THE CURSE and DEAD GIRL WALKING) has created "The most frightening supernatural horror film of the year," according to reviewer William. P. Simmons: "More disturbing than a traditional ghost yarn!"



Thirty years ago, a suburban town was terrorized by the spirit of a woman whose beautiful face had been grotesquely disfigured by a jealous husband. Roaming the streets wearing a long coat and surgical mask, the spirit would approach young victims and, while removing her mask, ask "Am I pretty?" The victim's response would almost always lead to their violent death. Now, one by one, children are disappearing again. As teachers and officials desperately begin to investigate, a panic begins to build as the woman's spirit returns for some unfinished business and the town's dark secrets are exposed.

"Shiraishi gets a lot of mileage out of his classically eerie villain: with her surgical mask and bloody scissors, the 'slit-mouthed woman' imbues every frame she's in with menace," wrote Jim Hemphill for Reel.com.

CARVED: THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN will close THE 2007 SPOOKY MOVIE FILM FESTIVAL on Sunday, October 14, 2007, at Cinema Arts Theatre in Fairfax, Virginia, and will help mark the Japanese and domestic release of the movie on DVD.

"We are thrilled THE SPOOKY MOVIE FILM FESTIVAL has decided to screen our film CARVED: THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN," said Debbi Berlin, Manager of Theatrical Publicity and Home Entertainment for Tartan Films. "The people at the Festival have been an absolute joy to work with and it's nice to find so many fans that appreciate scary, edgy and exciting cinema!"

Hamish McAlpine is the founder and owner of Tartan Films, a cutting edge entertainment distribution company, successfully operating in the UK for over 21 years. Tartan Video USA has also established the Tartan Asia Extreme label, which highlights the most daring and cutting-edge horror, thriller and action films from Japan, Korea, Hong Kong and all of Asia. Previous Tartan film releases include THE DEATH OF MR LAZARESCU, the critically-acclaimed Romanian Oscar entry; BATTLE IN HEAVEN, and THE RED SHOES, which screened at the 2006 SPOOKY MOVIE FILM FESTIVAL. For more information, please visit www.tartanfilmsusa.com.

Presented by Movie Madness Productions, THE SPOOKY MOVIE FILM FESTIVAL will be held at Cinema Arts Theatre at Fair City Mall in Fairfax, Virginia (www.cinemaartstheatre.com) Friday, October 12 - Sunday, October 14. The best horror, sci-fi, fantasy, independent and underground films from around will come together to give Washingtonians something to scream about this season! Admission is \$8.00 per screening; \$10.00 for our opening night double-feature; and \$20.00 for a weekend festival pass, available at the box office. For more updates on THE 2007 SPOOKY MOVIE FILM FESTIVAL, please visit our websites: www.thespookymovie.com or www.myspace.com/spookymovie.