

EAST COAST PREMIERE OF "THE RED SHOES" TO CLOSE 2006 SPOOKY MOVIE FILM FESTIVAL

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THE 2006 SPOOKY MOVIE FILM FESTIVAL announces the East Coast premier of THE RED SHOES as its Closing Night feature. Directed by Kim Yong-gyun (WANEE & JUNAH) and starring Hye-su Kim ("Kick the Moon," "Three: Memories") as a young mother who becomes obsessed, THE RED SHOES pushes all accepted visually and emotionally boundaries in this hypnotic re-imagining of the classic fable by Hans Christian Anderson.

"THE RED SHOES is one of the most terrifying and visually startling films to come out of the new Asian horror wave. In a world where people are increasingly defined by their material possessions, this story of greed and desire run amok has a powerful resonance," says Lane Kneedler for the 2005 AFI FEST where THE RED SHOES had its North American debut. "Containing some of the most original horror imagery in years, THE RED SHOES is a visionary cinematic work."

A sharp, sophisticated thriller, set in modern day South Korea, THE RED SHOES gives the classic tale a contemporary darkness. Yong-gyun's sophomore outing also stars Seong-su Kim, Su-hee Go, Eol Lee, and child actress Yeon-ah Park, who shows startling maturity within a vividly horrifying performance.

"Creepy pre-title sequence, set in Seoul's subway, sets the mood, with a schoolgirl finding the title heels on a platform. When another girl steals them off her by force, later is chased through the subway and ends up dead and, well, footless," wrote Derek Elley for *Variety*. "Though it's set in present-day Seoul, film creates a whole self-contained world of its own, using a small cast, often deserted locations and a script that keeps the focus tight on the action, shocks and mother-daughter-shoes triangle. Said heels are actually a sensual, velvety pink rather than bright red, which makes a convenient contrast to the (literally) gallons of blood unleashed in the special effects."

THE RED SHOES will close THE 2006 SPOOKY MOVIE FILM FESTIVAL on Sunday, October 29, 2006, at Cinema Arts Theatre in Fairfax, Virginia, and will help mark the domestic release of the movie on DVD that week.

"It is always refreshing for us to find a partner like The Spooky Movie Film Festival that is dedicated to showcasing the best in groundbreaking cinema from around the world," said Sean Keeley, Director of Publicity for Tartan Video USA. "Some of the best horror films are coming from Asia and specifically Korea and we look forward to showcasing films like THE RED SHOES at the festival for years to come."

Hamish McAlpine, the founder and owner of Tartan Films, who are celebrating twenty one years of distributing films in the UK, launched Tartan USA in 2004 with an eclectic and controversial slate of films from established auteurs and up-and-coming filmmakers. Previous Tartan film releases include 2004 Cannes Grand Jury Prize Winner OLDBOY, Michael Winterbottom's 9 SONGS, the critically-acclaimed Romanian Oscar entry THE DEATH OF MR LAZARESCU and the final film in Park Chanwook's "Vengeance Trilogy," LADY VENGEANCE. Upcoming releases include 2005 Cannes Jury Prize Winner, Andrea Arnold's RED ROAD and festival favorite THE CAVE OF THE YELLOW DOG. For more information, visit www.TartanVideoUSA.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 27 - Sunday, October 29. The best horror, sci-fi, fantasy, independent and underground films from around will come together to give Washingtonians something to scream about this season! For more updates on The 2006 Spooky Movie Film Festival, please visit our websites: www.thespookymovie.com or www.myspace.com/spookymovie.