

The Shriekfest Monthly Newsletter

One Minute Interview!

This month we are speaking with Nate Barlow!

SF: What is your specialty...filmmaking or screenwriting? If filmmaking, which aspects?

NB: Both! I'm an actor, director, writer, and screenwriter. I love it all!!!

SF: What are you currently working on?

NB: Adapting a fantasy novel for Kerouac Films.

SF: Have you been a finalist or winner in any festivals or competitions?

NB: Won Best Picture Awards at Shriekfest and Shockerfest for "Tales From Beyond".

SF: Why do you think the horror/scifi genres have such a large following?

NB: All genres connect to our most basic instincts. We can relate to them in almost primal ways. Horror and Sci-Fi add a degree of the fantastical that elevates the eternal themes of storytelling with elements that we don't experience in other ways.

SF: What do you love most about this business?

NB: Every shoot is a new adventure, unlike any before it. Filmmaking lets you experience things most people can't even imagine.

SF: What do you dislike most about this business?

NB: Unfortunately, there are way too many shady people, always working their angle, always trying to take advantage of you.

SF: Any advice you'd like to give to newbies?

NB: Make something! Technology always has a democratizing affect on society, and nowhere has this been more prevalent recently than in filmmaking. Who cares if your film is a piece of crap? You'll build experience and the next one will be better.

SF: Anything else you'd like to say?

NB: Filmmaking is one of the most rewarding careers you can possibly go into. Of course you'll struggle to make it where you want to be, but no worthy pursuit is ever easy.

SF: I agree! Thank you Nate!