

Jeff Kirkendall's Thoughts For The Month Column

Thoughts, Opinions, Reviews, Commentary & More!

Hello and Welcome! My name is Jeff Kirkendall and I'm an independent filmmaker and actor from the Upstate New York area. This is the section of the Very Scary Productions website where I write about topics related to independent filmmaking, digital video production, acting, movies in general, horror movies in particular, my own indie movies, as well as anything and everything related or in between.

I decided to create this commentary page because I find that I often come across things that either interest me, excite me, intrigue me, or maybe just bug me. Any topic related to movies and cinema is fair game, from the most mainstream to the most controversial. For example I'll often read about movie projects that I have a strong interest in or opinion on, for one reason or another. This page gives me a forum to discuss these things. It's all about discussion and furthering understanding of our pop culture. Anyone who has feedback concerning what I have to say here, feel free to contact me (see the contact link at <http://www.veryscaryproductions.com/>).

I'd also like to point out that the following is just my opinion, and everyone is free to agree or disagree with what I have to say. Enjoy, and to all the Indies out there: Keep on Filming!

SUBJECT: Halloween 2011 musings - October 2011

“Once again the spooky holiday of Halloween is upon us. Once known as a children’s holiday, the 31st of October has, in recent years, turned into a night where the adults come out to play...” So goes the dialog in a scene from my horror short ***The Green-Eyed Monster***, in which a young woman is contacted by a mysterious voice from beyond the grave over a dead channel on the radio one Halloween night. * I’ve written about Halloweens past in previous Thoughts For The Month columns, and with another one rapidly approaching I’d like to briefly reflect on the fact that October 31st still holds a sense of excitement and wonder for me. I should point out that I actually like the month of October as a whole, primarily because of the cooler, more comfortable weather as well as the fall colors the season brings. And being a filmmaker dealing with all things dark and scary, most Octobers bring lots of events like film festivals and horror movie conventions as well. Thus weekends in October are an especially busy and fun time, something I wouldn’t have any other way. The month also inspires me to set aside time in my busy schedule to re-watch as many of my favorite horror flicks as possible, thus initiating a Shocktoberfest of sorts in my home each year and reaffirming the fact that my love of the horror genre hasn’t waned as time has gone by. And every so often there will even be a cool Halloween party where an adult like me can “come out to play”. So while many prefer other times of the year (for various reasons), the month of October and Halloween remain number one in my book. Happy Halloween everyone!