

MIDNIGHT STANDOFF



LOGLINE

Two ragtag agents engage in a high-stakes heist to intercept an otherworldly treasure from the clutches of a notorious crime lord.

SYNOPSIS

Enigmatic agents, Malone and Barnes infiltrate a mobster's opulent estate to reclaim a stolen cryptic crate, housing a deadly yet charming creature. Their perilous gambit unites them with a newfound ally, propelling them to become unwavering protectors of the universe's greatest secrets in a sly tale of risk and reward.



TECHNICAL INFO

Title	Midnight Standoff
Genre	Crime/Sci-Fi
Production Year	2021-2023
Country of Origin	USA
Language	English
Run Time	13:00
Screen Ratio	16:9
Sound Format	Stereo



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“It’s a handmade, blood stained love letter to the Golden Age of movies and comics.”

-Ryan Manda, Writer/Director of Midnight Standoff

PRODUCTION NOTES

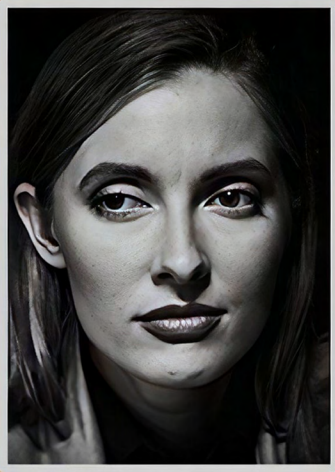
"Midnight Standoff" is a genre-bending crime/sci-fi short film set in Los Angeles, where dark deeds and decadence are abound. The story follows Agent Malone, a sharp and strong-willed young woman, and her fellow agent Barnes, a cautious and clever counterpart. Their fateful encounter with an unruly crime boss sets the stage for a suspenseful and explosive conflict.

Director Ryan Manda draws inspiration from pulp comics, classical filmmaking, and 80s creature features, resulting in a captivating narrative where crime and sci-fi seamlessly intertwine. The film combines mystique, crackling tension, and moments of comedic relief. "Midnight Standoff" explores the consequences of hubris, the risks taken in pursuit of natural balance, and themes of power abuse and exploitation.

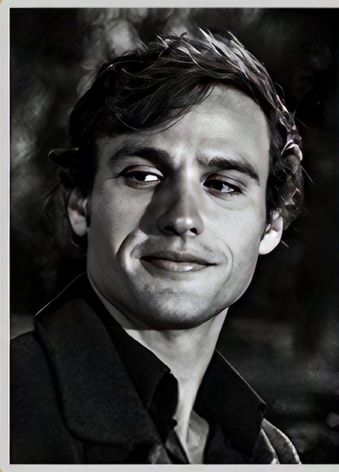
Directed by Ryan Manda and co-written by T.C. De Witt, "Midnight Standoff" boasts a talented cast, including Carolyn Vasko and Bobby Slaski. With an enchanting and nostalgic original score by Luwy Soundtracks - Romar, the film delivers thrilling moments, clever dialogue, and immersive set pieces. Don't miss out on this snappy and exhilarating ride that is "Midnight Standoff"!



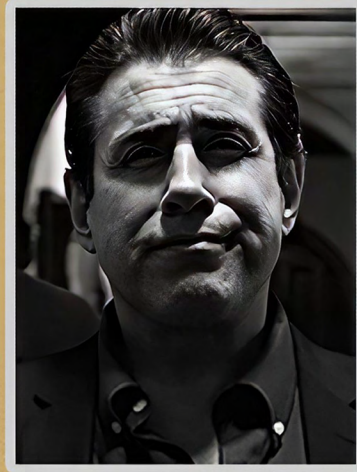
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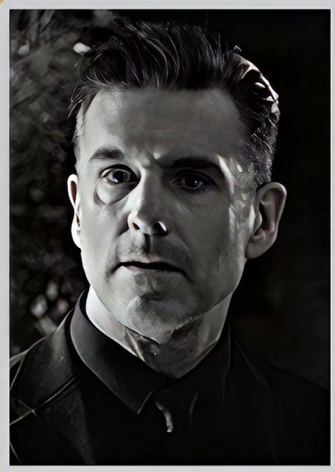
Carolyn Vasko
is **AGENT MALONE**



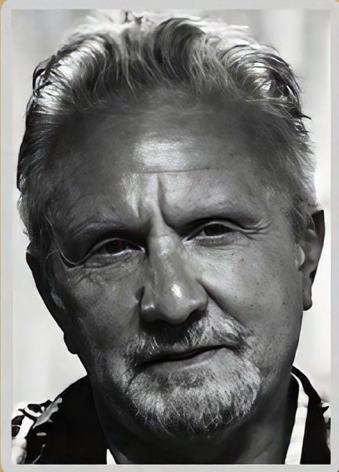
Bobby Slaski
is **AGENT BARNES**



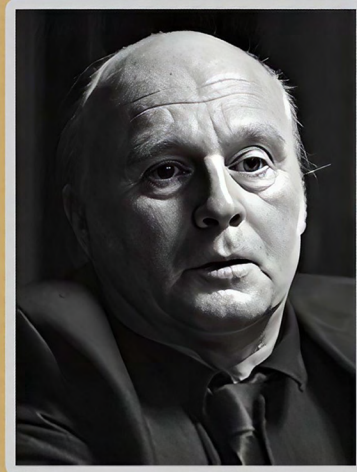
John Fantasia
is **LEFTY**



Curt Darling
is **BRUISER**



Jeff Holmes
is **DUTCHMAN**



Jon W. Harris
is **RIGHTY**

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT



From the very moment I sat down at my keyboard and began to punch away at this project, I was transported on a remarkable ride—one that has proven to be both artistically and personally fulfilling. Making a handmade, tangible genre film has always been the elusive unicorn I've pursued throughout my career. And now, with *Midnight Standoff*, I can proudly proclaim that I have finally caught that unicorn.

But let me be clear: I did not embark on this journey alone. The cast and crew of talented artisans who poured their hearts and souls into this film are the true heroes of this story. They truly brought *Midnight Standoff* to life in ways that I could have never imagined. As a director, there is nothing more valuable than collaborating with individuals of such extraordinary talent. I am forever indebted to each and every one of them.

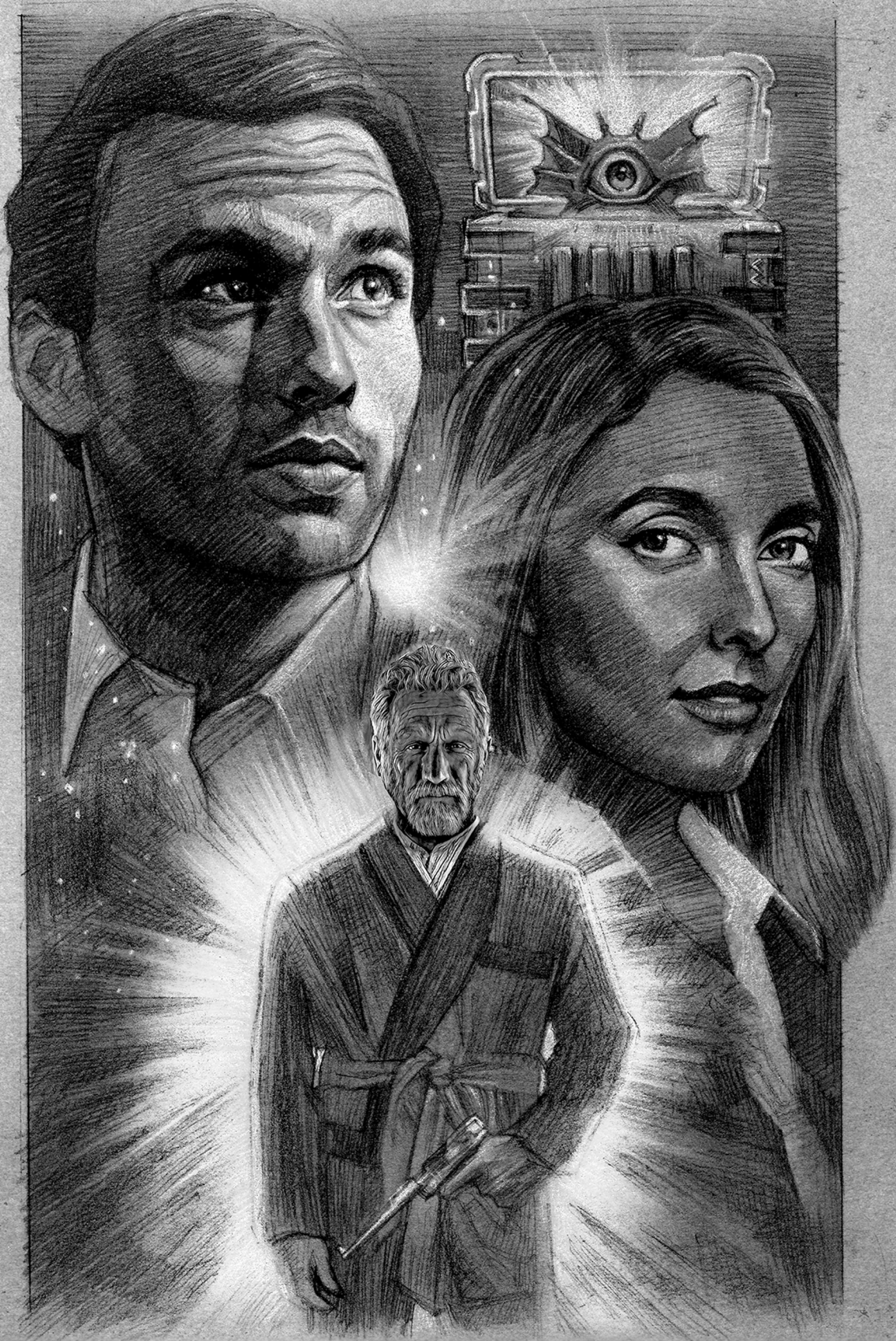
Bringing this wild, punchy romp together has been one of the greatest pleasures of my life. Every step of the way, we faced challenges, overcame obstacles, and pushed the boundaries of what we thought was possible. It was a real adventure—a thrilling rollercoaster ride filled with laughter, tears, and unforgettable moments. I came at this project without an ounce of pretense but rather, with the wonder and heart of my inner child.

So, I invite you all to join us on this journey. Strap yourselves in, brace for impact, and let *Midnight Standoff* take you on a wild, unforgettable descent toward mystery. Together, let us celebrate the power of filmmaking and the indomitable spirit of creativity.

Thank you.

RYAN MANDA





Poster Artwork by Greg Bain



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