

Juries Felt Love For Elmwood Productions' *HEAD* *The Elmwood Puppets' Horror Movie Earns Multiple Festival Honors*

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After the premiere of Elmwood Productions' first horror film *HEAD* in early 2015, the piece made its way into numerous festivals across the world. But just being an Official Selection wasn't enough for the hour-long homage to B-Horror movies, as the film earned numerous Jury Awards for its fun premise and inspired micro-budget production.

HEAD is the story of five twenty-somethings who go for a weekend camping trip in remote New England, only to discover that the land on which they're staying was the site of a brutal mass murder years ago. When they meet a mysterious man during their stay, things quickly begin to unravel as they fear they're becoming the next victims.

"It's very much a tribute old movies. The clichés are all there, in the script on purpose, so that it's a typical horror movie,"ⁱ Bristol states, knowing full well that it isn't exactly what is on the page that makes the movie special, but how that story is told: From the puppets and their puppeteers. The Elmwood Puppets are all hand-designed and constructed by Bristol, occasionally with help from the puppeteers themselves (Ben Farley, who plays the character Lenny, and Mike Finland voice and puppeteer of Bruce, were Assistant Puppet Builders for *HEAD*).

Financed on Kickstarter for a mere \$3,300 (most of which went to Elmwood to help finance future projects), and with a production schedule that shot only once a week for almost 2 months, the small and tightknit ensemble created a film that earned awards from festivals spanning the globe. Along with being Official Selections for the Puerto Rico Film Festival and the Madhouse Movies Film Festival, *HEAD* has earned the following distinctions:

Jury's Choice - The Yellow Fever Independent Film Festival (Belfast, Ireland)ⁱⁱ
Best Midnight Screening - The Lake Erie Arts and Film Festival (Sandusky, Ohio)ⁱⁱⁱ
Best Special Effects - The FANtastic Horror Film Festival (San Diego, CA)
Best Voice Acting Ensemble - Zedfest Film Festival (Los Angeles, CA)^{iv}
Best Underground Film - The Hong Kong Arthouse Film Festival (Hong Kong)^v

Although the 2015 Festival Season is over, the producers are still entering *HEAD* into competitions across the world, as well as scheduling screenings around Connecticut.

HEAD is now available on DVD at <https://www.etsy.com/shop/JonsJava> and digitally at <http://elmwood.vhx.tv>.

ⁱ <http://www.courant.com/entertainment/movies/hc-southington-puppet-movie-0327-20150326-story.html>

ⁱⁱ <http://theyfiff.wix.com/theyfiff>

ⁱⁱⁱ <http://lakeeriefilm.org/2015winnerslakee.html>

^{iv} <http://zedfest.org/zedfestwinners.html>

^v <http://head-horror.blogspot.com/2015/12/hong-kong-arthouse-film-fest-winner.html>