

INANNA

The QUEEN of HEAVEN

Directed by Tiritia DeViSha

Starring Tiritia DeViSha, Andrew Lutomski, Matt Jones, Thaison Tran, & Sasha Cuha

LOGLINE:

A 15minute short stylized experimental epic action fantasy film about Gods & Goddesses, lust, war, revenge & family.

SYNOPSIS:

This film is based upon the Ancient Legend of Queen Inanna, the Goddess of Lust & War, who launches a mighty battle against the Army of Gilgamesh after their leader Gilgamesh rejects her advances. The outcome of the battle leads Inanna into the Underworld, where she is reunited with her estranged sister.



ABOUT INANNA:

Inanna is the Goddess of love, beauty, sex, desire, fertility, war, justice, and political power in Ancient Sumer & Babylon. She is described in stories as fierce, loyal & benevolent but also sometimes as extremely menacing.



Her counterparts in later cultures are Ishtar, Venus & Aphrodite, and her celebration (a fertility celebration for Ishtar) was later turned into 'Easter' during days of mass pagan conversion.

The tale of Inanna's descent into the Underworld is a story for the movement cycle of the planet Venus, which creates the 5 pointed star in the sky as it makes its journey from morning star to evening star and dips below the horizon as it enters the Underworld, only to be reborn again as the morning star.

Read more about Inanna at <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inanna>

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT:

I set out wanting to create something epic knowing I had limited resources (The entire film was made to a budget of \$7,500 spent entirely mainly on costume, props & hair & makeup expenses, with all of the cast & crew putting in their time, skills & resources voluntarily.) So as a self funded collaborative love project, I decided to come up with creative ways of filmmaking (like making it highly stylized & incorporating still photographs into the film) to tell the story.



I took what was a long & epic story, and shot it like a music video, cutting out dialogue and having my story told with narration & visuals like a recap episode, to condense it into a short film.

My original vision for the story had been a 30min short, but due to my CGI editor dropping out during post-production I had to take on all the editing myself so decided to cut Part II into a teaser instead of the entire 15min Underworld story.

"Inanna, the Queen of Heaven" is created as a highly stylized visual piece of collaborative experimental art, taking artistic liberties of influences to add to the imagery, and hopes to provide an epic & entertaining journey to the viewer, as well as an inspiration to other independent filmmakers to help them think outside the box of filmmaking when time & resources might be limited.

DIRECTOR'S BIO

Tritia DeViSha is an Award winning Actress (Melb Underground Film Fest, Best Supporting Actress 2016), Internationally published Model & Filmmaker. She was host of the weekly C31 & SBS television late night music & variety show "NoiseTV" between 2005-2009 before going into live performance at various lifestyle and music festivals (Rainbow Serpent Festival, Woodford, The Dreaming), & then returned to Melbourne in 2012 to put her focus on film.

Her main passion is acting & performing, & even though she has acting & performance training, never attended film school and learnt all aspects of production on the job during her 4yr stint on NoiseTV, working with a small crew on a fast turnaround 90min show every week.

"Inanna, the Queen of Heaven" is the 3rd short film she has produced, directed, edited & starred in, following "Exit from Eden, the Story of Lilith" 2015 (Setting Sun Film Festival Rouge Program Official Selection 2017), & "The Kali Geisha Erotica Grotesque" 2016 (Australian Short Film Network Film of the Month Winner March 2018; Sixth Sense Horror Film Festival Official Selection 2017). Much of her work is about various artistic explorations of mythology of the Goddess.

CAST & CREW CREDITS

- Tritia DeViSha – Director, Producer, Writer (Screenplay adaptation from the Sumerian Tablets Legend of Inanna), Editor, Inanna
- Andrew Lutomski – Gilgamesh
- Matt Jones – Action Choreographer, Bull of Heaven
- Thaison Tran – Enkidu
- Steven James – Inanna's bard
- Arwin Nidea – Arts Dept, Costumes & Props (Doofus Creations), Army of Gilgamesh
- James Ashworth - Army of Gilgamesh
- Tony Nicholas - Army of Gilgamesh
- Maalek Bobakraad - Army of Gilgamesh

- Brian Jewell - Army of Gilgamesh, Arts Dept, Costumes & Props
- Mim Motolese - Army of Gilgamesh
- Luke Warburton - Army of Gilgamesh
- Derek Erskine - Army of Gilgamesh, Production Crew
- Tom Vogel - Army of Gilgamesh
- Kas Kalami - Army of Gilgamesh
- Dave Curtain - Army of Gilgamesh
- Logan V - Army of Gilgamesh
- Jack O'Brian - Army of Gilgamesh
- Shaun-John Wood - Army of Gilgamesh
- Mick Owar - Battle Voice Over
- Sasha Cuha - Narrator
- Reece Hill - Assistant Producer, Arts Dept, Costumes & Props, Production Crew
- Tina Hoang - 1st AD, Editor (Beach Soldier composite shot), Camera 3
- Trent Schneider - DoP/Cinematography
- Jackson Tipping - DoP/Cinematography
- David Luu - Production Assistant, Camera 4
- Don Amaratissa - Drone camera
- Daniel Sawyer - Stills photography
- Eleanor Landford - Stills photography
- Raphael Chan - - Stills photography
- Jamie Murgatroyd - Composer
- Tim Pek - Battle Sound design
- Paul Fox @ Indie Masters Melbourne - Re-recording sound mix
- Kiki Stojcevski (HMUA & Styling)
- Nataliya Negrienko (HMUA SFX, Bodypaint & Prosthetics)
- Miko Kovacevic - HMUA
- Lara Hass - HMUA
- Dee Bonello - HMUA
- Michelle Heffernan - HMUA
- Alex Chapman - HMUA
- Noelle Criminova - (Hair stylist), Arts Dept, Costumes & Props
- Dan Randle - Arts Dept, Costumes & Props
- Imogen Stroud - Arts Dept, Costumes & Props
- Patrick Taggart - Arts Dept, Costumes & Props

- Chris Thomas - Production Crew
- Evie Dartnell - Production Crew, Catering
- Andrew Tomazos - Production Crew, Catering
- Helen Barrett - Production Crew, Catering
- Emily Chieci - Production Crew

Additional background music:

- Caiseal Mor & Laya Rocha - Inanna Rehearsal
- Kathunaya - Two Dreams
- Kathunaya - Lift your feet
- Heroboard - Music for Creators

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- Helen Barrett
- Dale Hruszecky
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- Manoj Saini
- Lara Dunkley
- Barbara Haas
- Alex Kharnam