



# Heathens

ACTING AWARD  
**Stephanie Oustalet**  
Northern Frights Festival  
2020

GENRE  
**BLAST**  
2020  
BEST DIRECTOR NOMINEE

WINNER  
**MICHAEL VIGNOLA**  
BEST SOUNDTRACK ON FILM  
The Chico Independent Film Festival

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**CHANDLER**  
INTERNATIONAL  
FILM FESTIVAL  
2021

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**WREAK HAVOC**  
HORROR FILM  
FESTIVAL  
2020

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**SHORT. SWEET.**  
FILM FEST.  
2021

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**ATLANTA**  
UNDERGROUND FILM  
FESTIVAL  
2020

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**HORROR**  
FILM FESTIVAL  
**HAUS**  
2020

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**DIABOLICAL HORROR**  
FILM FESTIVAL  
2020

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**Los Angeles**  
Crime & Horror  
Film Festival  
2021

*The ritual has begun*

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**Unrestricted**  
View Horror  
Film Festival  
2020

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
**ETHEREAL**  
HORROR  
FEST  
2020

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*"A retro, demon, sacrifice movie in the woods."  
-Nathan Ludwig, Genreblast Film Festival*

**TRT :** 10 min

**Written & Directed By:** Carlos Garcia, Jr.

**Produced By:** Carlos Garcia, Jr.  
Mitch McLeod

**Production Company:** Praxedis Pictures  
Absentia Pictures

**Composer :** Michael Vignola



# Director, Carlos Garcia, Jr.



Carlos grew up in a suburb 15 minutes east of Dallas, TX where, in his senior year of high school, he met a wacky theater teacher. This teacher introduced Carlos to the works of Alejandro Jodorowsky. Jodorowsky would forever change the way that Carlos viewed films. And in the time spent with the theater group, he started to notice how much he loved the production aspect of a show and how much he had in common with the "weird" theater kids. He loved building sets, setting up the looks and effects, rehearsing, and the

overall theatricality of it all! So he thought to himself, "what if I focused that love and energy into something else that I love? Like movies!" Then it clicked!

And so with his teacher's help and this reinvigorated love for movies, he decided that film was the route he was going to take.

After he graduated high school, he went on to earn a Bachelor's in Fine Arts in Digital Filmmaking and Video Production from the Art Institute of Dallas.

Carlos is currently a Video Producer in Dallas, Texas. And 15 years later, he's still focusing most of his energy into making short films with the hopes of raising enough funds to eventually make a feature film.

While being the project's director, Carlos also served many other roles to bring his vision to life, including Producer, Cinematographer, Editor, Colorist, and Sound Designer.

He continues to champion Heathens now as it makes it's festival run.



## Producer, Mitch McLeod

Award-winning filmmaker Mitch McLeod is the founder of Dallas-based film production company Absentia Pictures. Mitch has found success in the world of independent filmmaking, serving as a writer, producer, director, and actor on a multitude of feature and short films and has received several awards and nominations for his work both in front of and behind the camera. His latest feature film *Silhouette*, made for a meager budget of \$25,000 in Dallas, TX, is currently available for streaming and has been the recipient of much acclaim from critics and audiences alike.

Recently, Mitch has moved away from focusing solely on his own projects and into a steady world of producing for films with and for others. Currently, in addition to *Silhouette*, he has several films slated for release in 2020 and 2021.  
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## Composer, Michael Vignola

Michael Vignola is a multi-award-winning film composer born and raised in New York City. Known for combining a unique blend of Classical, Ambient and Electronic music with elements of sound design. Vignola's track record is a testament to his commitment and love for the craft and is always looking to push the boundaries of creation that you might not expect.

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## Stephanie Oustalet as Lena

Stephanie Oustalet is a Dallas, Texas based professional actor and director. She's done a wide variety of work in New York and Dallas ranging from the Avant-garde to Equity. She's currently repped by Bankston Talent out of Austin.

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## Kiani Stone as Charlotte

Kiani Stone is a professional actor based in Dallas. She received her AFA in Acting from Lon Morris College, as well as her BFA in Acting/Directing from Midwestern State University. When she's not acting or storytelling, she enjoys binge watching new shows and movies, hiking, and being with loved ones. She is currently represented by Linda McAlister.



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## Pierce Atchison as Bobby

Pierce Atchison is an actor based in Dallas Tx. He attends the Teresa Bell Actors Studio. He enjoys working in the woods and fishing. Pierce first started acting in 2018 and loves getting to work with other people that share in his passion for film.

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## IK Okafor as Wade

IK Okafor is a professional actor based in Dallas. A student at T Bell's Acting School, IK has been a part of many productions including a handful of feature films. In his free time, he spends time with his family, golfs, and enjoys watching films and television shows.



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## Isaiah Finley as Vince

Isaiah Finley is 24 years old from Dallas, TX. He got into Acting because of the ability to tell inspiring stories & share compassion within the human experience. His goal is to have longevity in doing that while creating platforms and opportunities for others to do the same.

## Abigail Frantz as Madi

Abigail Frantz is an actress based in DFW. She started acting in school productions in the 6th grade and fell in love with performing. She is currently training at Cathryn Sullivan's Acting for Film while taking a gap year from formal education to pursue her career. In the future, she hopes to try her hand in many other artistic outlets such as writing, directing, and fashion design.





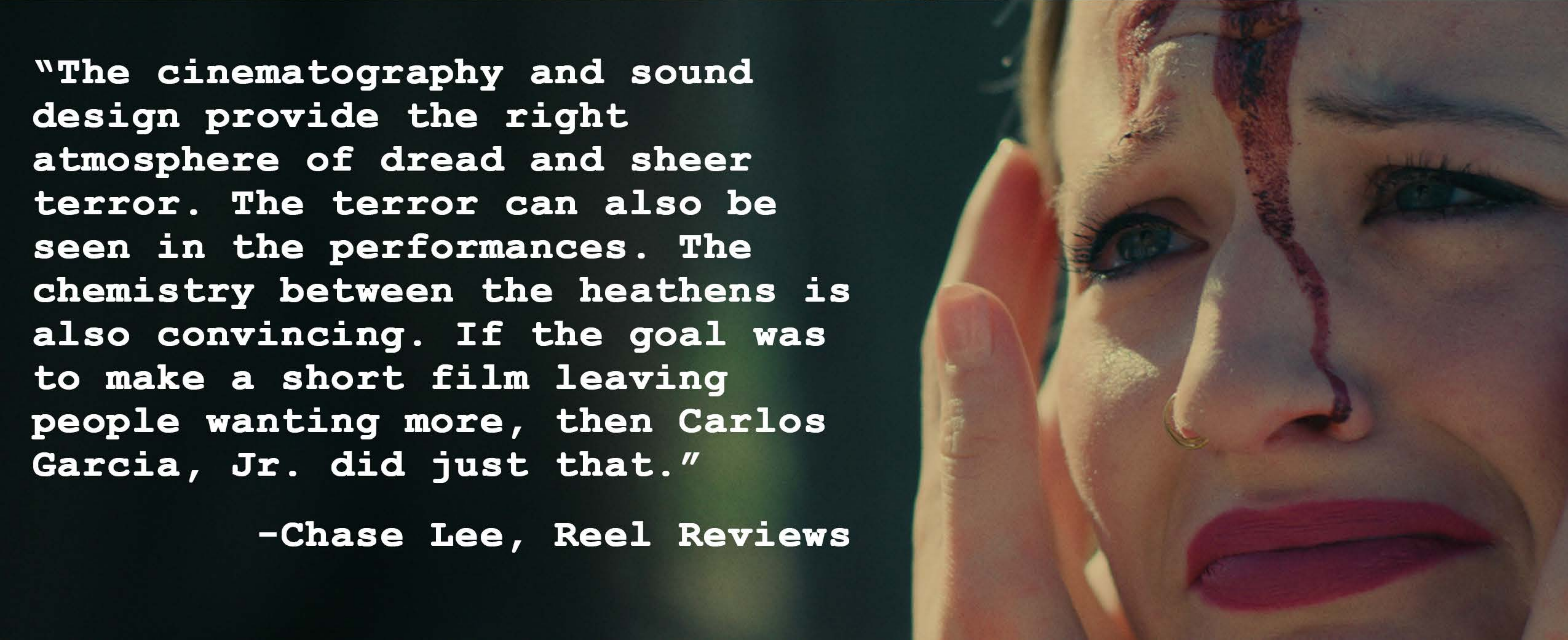
"A technically impressive film across the board. It looks and sounds great. A harmonious combination of location and lighting, clever editing and assured camerawork, it is an extremely well-constructed piece."

-Chris Buick, UK Film Review



"Uhhhh...I love Heathens! Carlos if you can hear my voice, I love you!"

-Nathan Ludwig, GVBFF



"The cinematography and sound design provide the right atmosphere of dread and sheer terror. The terror can also be seen in the performances. The chemistry between the heathens is also convincing. If the goal was to make a short film leaving people wanting more, then Carlos Garcia, Jr. did just that."

-Chase Lee, Reel Reviews

# Full Credits

**Written & Directed by:** Carlos Garcia, Jr.

**Produced by:** Carlos Garcia, Jr.  
Mitch McLeod

**Shot & Cut by:** Carlos Garcia, Jr.

**Music by:** Michael Vignola

**Assistant Director:** Natali Jones

**Gaffer:** Adam Field

**First Assistant Camera:** Jessica Avila

**Second Assistant Camera:** Andrea Palaia

**Key Grip:** Devin Servis

**Hair & Make-up Designer:** Bonnie Swan

**Special Effects (Fog):** Justin Choate

**Production Sound Mixer:** Kyle Sherling

**Visual Effects Artist:** Paul Ren

