



a short film by Mark G. Lakatos

REUNION

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SYNOPSIS

A selfish son
returns home to see
his estranged father,
only to discover
something sinister.

ABOUT THE FILM

REUNION is a dark, riveting exploration of greed and familial ties, where a man leaves his family behind to pursue the fortunes of his ailing father.

Filmed in the gorgeous Hungarian countryside, the short is classical horror with a pinch of gothic aesthetics and traditional folklore.





MEET THE TEAM



MARK G. LAKATOS
*Director, Writer, Producer
and Producer*

Indie filmmaker with over 7 years of experience. Creator of Hungary's first ever action film series 'THE SIEGE'. Founder of TROVE FILM COLLECTIVE, an independent production team championing bold stories that uplift local talent.



PETER LAKATOS
Executive Producer

Executive producer of several shorts and features, including 'ARCHANGEL ONE', which screened at the BUJTOR ISTVÁN FILM FESTIVAL in Hungary.



ELENA LAKATOS
Executive Producer

Executive producer ARCHANGEL ONE, HOUSE OF BABEL, and VENANDI, a horror short that previously won at the HAUNTED HOUSE FEAR FEST.



ÁRMIN RÉTHLY
Director of Photography

Cinematographer for several indie short films, like THE LAST ASSASSIN and WASTELAND.

MEET THE TEAM



MARIELLE MONTAGNON
Makeup and SFX



JAZMIN LAKATOS
Costume designer



ZOLTÁN L. LESTI
Gaffer



ZSOLT PÁPAI
Sound



ALMA CSIGE
Animation



MARTIN GAZDAG
1st Assistant Camera



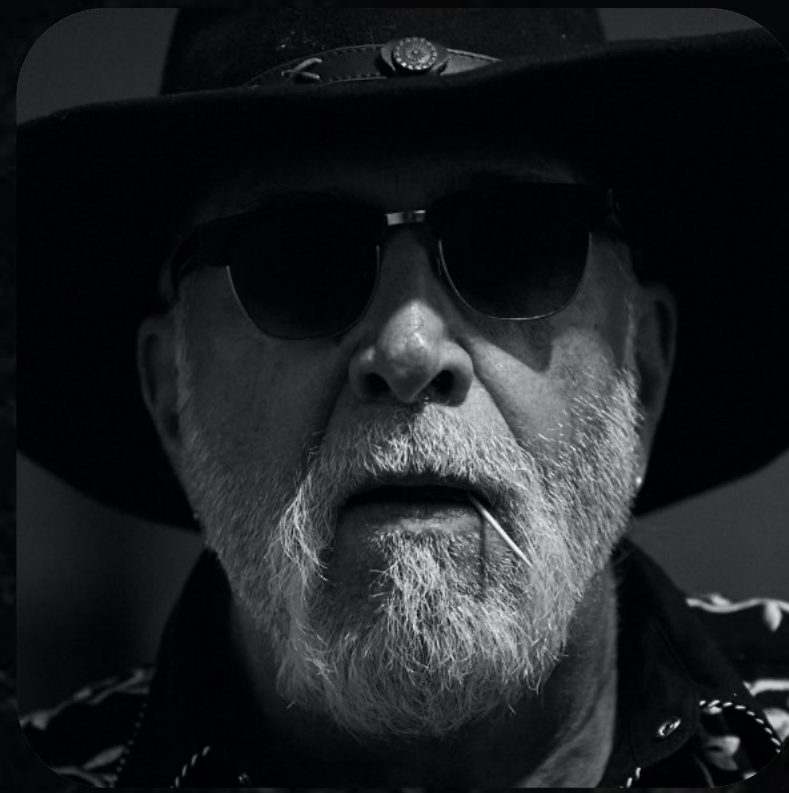
VENDEL FORT
Boom operator

CAST



PATRICK THOMAS KOVACS
"Sean"

Patrick is a professional actor and stuntman based in Budapest, Hungary, who has been in the industry since 2017. Recent credits include: *FBI International* (2022), *The Pendragon Cycle* (2024) and *Last Kingdom* (2023). He speaks Hungarian (native), English & German (fluent). His training includes completion of Hungary's prestigious *Bánfalvy Drama Studio* and ongoing film coaching at *Dramaworks*, Budapest.



BRETT BICKLEY
"Robert"

Brett Bickley is an actor, stand-up comedian and musician from Virginia, USA. He has appeared in *21 Jump Street*, *Sons of Anarchy* and *Batman*. He recently starred in *The Siege: Archangel One* and is slated for an appearance in *Ruben Östlund's The Entertainment System is Down*.



ERIKA HERBERT
"Lydia"

Erika Herbert (21. 10. 1980) is a Hungarian actress. Began her career by appearing in Hungarian reality shows (*Hárman Párban*, *Rettegés foka*), television series (*Barátok közt*) and short films (*Wanderer*, *Carlos*). Took part in *Short and Sweet Theatre Festival Dubai 2014* as an actress (*Take this job and shove it*, *Third Strike*), writer and director (*Dear Darlings*).

WHAT CRITICS ARE SAYING

“Reunion is creepy, dramatic, and visually stunning. Lakatos knows exactly what makes fairytales timeless ~ the terrifying undercurrent of what’s lurking just underneath the facade. This short captures that same intensity wonderfully through strong acting and great cinematography.”

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WHAT CRITICS ARE SAYING

“This short is a frightful, intense and considered chiller, one that will leave a bite-sized mark.”

Patrick Foley, UK FILM REVIEW

“At its core, Reunion is an ambitious short film that successfully blends interpersonal drama with horror fantasy.”

Carl Burgess,  screen**critix**

“Reunion offers a fresh and potent spin on classic Grimm Fairytale tropes. Lakatos illuminates the shadows of evil within us and the torment that is swiftly eroding mankind.”

Aaron Ford,



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is Trove Film collective?

Founded by director Mark G. Lakatos, Trove Film collective is one of the few independent film production teams in Hungary. Prioritizing local talent and creative storytelling, the shorts produced at Trove range from thrilling action-adventures to thoughtful dramas.

2. How were you able to fund the project?

Trove Film collective projects are entirely self-financed, therefore no crowdfunding was used to make Reunion possible.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

3. How long did production last?

Reunion was shot in two days, with locations in Szentendre and Pilismarót, scenic towns in the Hungarian countryside.

4. What were the inspirations for the film?

Reunion comes from our shared love of classical horror. Films like *The Exorcist* or more modern masterpieces like *The Witch* all served as inspiration for our short. Our animation pays homage to the late Marcell Jankovics, Hungary's most prolific and influential animation artist.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

5. *What is the goal with your film?*

We want to call attention to Hungarian indie filmmaking, as well as our capacity for English-language projects. Additionally, we'd love for our film to reach a wider audience of horror lovers through festivals both in Hungary and abroad. We hope to produce more horror shorts too.

6. *What are your distribution goals?*

We hope to release our short on a streaming platform or secure it a spot as a companion piece to a horror feature that will screen in theaters.

TECHNICAL SHEET & CONTACT

Shooting format: Digital (4k Ultra HD)

Aspect ratio: 16:9

Audio format: Stereo

Length: 21 minutes 29 seconds

Original language: English

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