



A SUMMER THEY'LL NEVER FORGET

"Mary's Lake scratches that classic 80s horror itch perfectly - oh, I love that itch!"

- Rhonda Shear, Up All Night

"A great killer, a charming cast, and some great kills."

- Mean Joe Grizzly

"Scored 7.5/10, earning praise as a notable submission."

- Atlanta Horror Film Festival

Key Facts:

Budget: Under \$10K

6 Festival Screenings, 8 Awards

Featured on Rhonda Shear's Up All Night

Self-Released DVD - Over 150 Copies Sold (First Month)

Produced by MAWilliams Films LLC (Veteran-Owned)

"Made with grit, sweat, and no safety net - pure DIY horror."

"A group of camp counselors fight to survive the night when an escaped killer - and something far worse - emerge from the depths of Mary's Lake."

MARY'S LAKE

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MARY'S LAKE - PRESS INFORMATION

National Media Feature

Rhonda Shear UP ALL NIGHT

Exclusively On **Kings of Horror**

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Legendary horror host Rhonda Shear showcased Mary's Lake on Up All Night as part of a promotional feature segment, introducing it to her national horror audience and celebrating its classic '80s slasher vibe. Up All Night streams exclusively on Kings of Horror, one of the largest horror platforms in the world, with over 1.57 million subscribers.

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MARK A. WILLIAMS

WRITER | DIRECTOR | PRODUCER

About the Director – Mark A. Williams



Mark A. Williams is a writer, director, and retired U.S. Army Major who served 23 years as a combat engineer before turning to filmmaking. Based in Sumter, South Carolina, he founded MAWilliams Films LLC, a disabled veteran-owned production company focused on independent features built around strong visual storytelling and practical effects.

His debut feature, *Mary's Lake* (2025), is a supernatural camp-slasher inspired by *Sleepaway Camp* and *Friday the 13th*. The film, produced for under \$10,000 with a volunteer cast and crew, has screened at five film festivals and won seven awards to date. Its success has helped establish Williams's voice as a filmmaker who blends character-driven emotion with crowd-pleasing genre craft.



Influenced by filmmakers like John Carpenter, Sam Raimi, and Tom Savini, Williams embraces an '80s-era tactile aesthetic updated with modern pacing — bringing authenticity and atmosphere back to independent horror.

Committed to his community and to mentoring new artists, Williams collaborates with local theaters, regional talent, and South Carolina crews to build sustainable homegrown productions. Upcoming projects include the WWII psychological thriller *Wolf 1945*, the funeral-home chiller *Open Casket*, and the sequel *Mary's Lake 2*.

He lives in Sumter with his wife, Lindsay, and their two children.

Director's Statement

Mary's Lake is a film born from my lifelong love of classic camp slashers. As a child of the VHS era, I grew up captivated by the energy and creativity of 1980s horror films that weren't afraid to mix fun, fear, and practical effects. As a first-time filmmaker, I wanted to recapture that feeling and prove that the magic of those movies could still be made today, even on a shoestring budget.

My goal with *Mary's Lake* was simple: to make an entertaining slasher that delivers brutal kills, nostalgic atmosphere, and an unexpected supernatural twist. But more importantly, I wanted to show that with heart, discipline, and a small group of believers, you can turn limited resources into something lasting. This film is both a love letter to the genre that raised me and a foundation for the stories I plan to tell in the years ahead.

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MARY'S LAKE

PRESS CONTACT & PRODUCTION DETAILS

Production Credits

Written, Directed & Produced by: Mark A. Williams
 Production Company: MAWilliams Films LLC
 Location: Sumter, South Carolina
 Genre: Horror / Slasher / Supernatural
 Runtime: 90 minutes
 Aspect Ratio: 16:9
 Language: English
 Year of Completion: 2025



Press Assets Available

Official trailer:
www.youtube.com/@MAWilliamsFilms
 Film stills
 Poster artwork
 Director headshot and bio
 Behind-the-scenes photography
 DVD copies and online screeners available for review



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