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## PANDORUM's Ben Foster & more comin' to East Coast Fango con!

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30 DAYS OF NIGHT actor Ben Foster (pictured below), star of the upcoming sci-fi thriller PANDORUM, has joined the lineup of the fast-approaching East Coast edition of FANGORIA's *Weekend of Horrors*, to be held June 5-7, 2009 at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center (11th Avenue between 34th and 39th Streets) in New York City. Foster, who also won raves for his roles in 3:10 TO YUMA and X-MEN: THE LAST STAND (as Angel), will be joined on Saturday by PANDORUM co-star Cung Le, the three-time world champion martial artist.

In other convention news, the OFFSPRING presentation has added castmates Holter Graham, Vic Manetti, Ahna Tessler, Leigh Shannon, BRAINSCAN's Amy Hargreaves and HEADSPACE's Pollyanna McIntosh, as well as JACK BROOKS: MONSTER SLAYER composer Ryan Shore, to its Saturday preview slot. Other exciting guests/programs set for Fango's Big Apple blowout include:

- Guillermo del Toro: acclaimed director of HELLBOY movies, PAN'S LABYRINTH, BLADE II, MIMIC and CRONOS, signing copies of his first novel, the vampire epic THE STRAIN, on Friday (5 p.m.-7 p.m.). Also appearing: THE STRAIN co-author Chuck Hogan
- Dario Argento: Italian maestro behind SUSPIRIA, DEEP RED, TENEBRAE, OPERA, MOTHER OF TEARS, new GIALLO and others

- Tobe Hooper: director of TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE, POLTERGEIST, EATEN ALIVE, 'SALEM'S LOT, LIFEFORCE, TOOLBOX MURDERS, INVADERS FROM MARS and MASTERS OF HORROR

- Doug Bradley: HELLRAISER's Pinhead, NIGHTBREED, PUMPKINHEAD: ASHES TO ASHES, PROPHECY: THE UPRISING, THE COTTAGE and new Clive Barker film BOOK OF BLOOD

- James Marsters: beloved Spike from BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER and ANGEL; also from HOUSE ON HAUNTED HILL, SHADOW PUPPETS and the series SMALLVILLE and TORCHWOOD

- Ashley Laurence: Kirsty Cotton from HELLRAISER, HELLBOUND: HELLRAISER II and HELLRAISER: HELLSEEKER; also appeared in LIGHTNING BUG, RED, WARLOCK III and LURKING FEAR

- Michael Dougherty: writer/director of TRICK 'R TREAT; co-screenwriter of SUPERMAN RETURNS, X2 and URBAN LEGENDS: BLOODY MARY

- LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT reunion: with villains David Hess, Fred Lincoln, Jeramie Rain and Marc Sheffler

- Herschell Gordon Lewis: Godfather of Gore and director of BLOOD FEAST, TWO THOUSAND MANIACS!, WIZARD OF GORE and many others; Lewis will conduct a special low-budget filmmaking and marketing seminar (separate admission required)

- GWAR: monster metal maniacs Sleazy P. Martini, Slave, Jizmak Da Gusha and Oderus Urungus will be on hand all three days!

- Tony Darrow: much-loved actor/comic from STREET TRASH, THE SOPRANOS, GOODFELLAS and LYNCH MOB, a new gangster-horror flick

- Tom Savini: makeup FX legend from DAWN OF THE DEAD, MARTIN, CREEPSHOW, FRIDAY THE 13TH, MANIAC, DAY OF THE DEAD, TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE 2, FRIDAY THE 13TH: THE FINAL CHAPTER and many more; also a director (1990's NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD) and actor (KNIGHTRIDERS, FROM DUSK TILL DAWN, GRINDHOUSE)

- Larry Fessenden: director of HABIT, WENDIGO and THE LAST WINTER, previewing new Glass Eye Pix productions STAKE LAND, HYPOTHERMIA, SATAN HATES YOU, I SELL THE DEAD and THE HOUSE OF THE DEVIL

- William Lustig: director of MANIAC, UNCLE SAM, VIGILANTE, HIT LIST, RELENTLESS and the MANIAC COP trilogy

- Dennis Paoli: screenwriter of RE-ANIMATOR, FROM BEYOND, BODY SNATCHERS, MASTERS OF HORROR, DAGON, THE DENTIST, CASTLE FREAK, THE PIT AND THE PENDULUM and many more, conducting a screenwriting seminar (separate admission required)

- OFFSPRING panel: with author/screenwriter Jack Ketchum (OFF SEASON, RED, THE GIRL NEXT DOOR, THE LOST) and producer/director Andrew van den Houten (HEADSPACE, HOME MOVIE, GIRL NEXT DOOR)



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- Debbie Rochon: FANGORIA RADIO co-host and actress from THE BOG CREATURES, TROMEO & JULIET, TERROR FIRMER, NOWHERE MAN and the new SATAN HATES YOU, WALKING DISTANCE, COLOUR FROM THE DARK, HANGER and PSYCHOSOMATIKA
- Marilyn Burns: actress from TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE, EATEN ALIVE, FUTURE-KILL and TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE: THE NEXT GENERATION
- Caroline Williams: actress from TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE 2, STEPFATHER II and LEPRECHAUN 3
- Betsy Palmer: FRIDAY THE 13TH's Mrs. Voorhees
- Kane Hodder: Jason from FRIDAY THE 13TH PART VII, VIII, JASON GOES TO HELL and JASON X; also HATCHET, PRISON, B.T.K., ED GEIN: THE BUTCHER OF PLAINFIELD, FALLEN ANGELS, more
- Robin Sherwood: actress from TOURIST TRAP, THE LOVE BUTCHER, DEATH WISH II and BLOW OUT
- Lesleh Donaldson: Canadian actress from HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ME, CURTAINS, DEADLY EYES, FUNERAL HOME and FRIDAY THE 13TH: THE SERIES
- C.J. Graham: Jason Voorhees from FRIDAY THE 13TH PART VI: JASON LIVES and Hellcop from HIGHWAY TO HELL
- Ari Lehman: FRIDAY THE 13TH's first Jason
- Warrington Gillette: FRIDAY THE 13TH PART 2 Jason performer
- Danny Steinmann: director of FRIDAY THE 13TH PART V: A NEW BEGINNING, THE UNSEEN (pseudonymously) and SAVAGE STREETS
- TOXIC AVENGER: THE MUSICAL: special guests and song highlights from the Off-Broadway smash! (Saturday)
- WALKING DISTANCE panel: with CLOSET SPACE writer/director Mel House and sexy actresses Debbie Rochon, Shannon Lark and Natalie Jones
- Ryan Nicholson: director of LIVE FEED, GUTTERBALLS and new HANGER and EVIL FEED
- Shannon Lark: our 2009 FANGORIA's *Weekend of Horrors* Spooksmodel, a director, dancer and actress (WALKING DISTANCE) best known for her work with the Chainsaw Mafia troupe
- Brian Spears: FX artist from PLAGUE TOWN, I SELL THE DEAD and SHADOW: DEAD RIOT
- DEAD AIR: world premiere screening of the Corbin Bernsen zombie flick; introduced by cast members Josh Feinman (from SLEEPER CELL) and Elle Travis (Saturday)
- Bart Mastronardi: director of Clive Barker endorsed VINDICATION (screening at the con); also appearing: lead actor Keith Fraser and other cast
- Alan Rowe Kelly: actor/writer/director of I'LL BURY YOU TOMORROW, THE BLOOD SHED, FAR CRY FROM HOME (screening at the con), new DON'T LOOK IN THE BASEMENT
- Special Troma panel: guests and previews from past and present Tromatic movies
- Paul Borghese: NYC indie actor from TOXIC AVENGER II-III, TROMA'S WAR, FRIGHT HOUSE and new LYNCH MOB

- Raine Brown: cult actress from BARRICADE, AUNT ROSE, DARKNESS SURROUNDS ROBERTA, new 100 TEARS, BEAST and ANGEL'S BLADE: ASCENSION (signing in dealers' room)

- Joe Zaso: tough-guy actor from BARRICADE, ANGEL'S BLADE, 5 DEAD ON THE CRIMSON CANVAS, RED MIDNIGHT, DARKNESS SURROUNDS ROBERTA and BEAST (signing in dealers' room)

The convention will also host a Saturday night cocktail/dessert party (free for Gold and Silver customers), costume contest, a jam-packed indie horror movie festival and advance previews of such films as FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP, ORPHAN, ROB ZOMBIE's H2: HALLOWEEN 2 and HAUNTED WORLD OF EL SUPERBEASTO, THE CHILDREN, PANDORUM, WRONG TURN 3 and many others!

Other guests and attractions will be announced shortly. For additional information and tickets to our national 2009 *Weekend of Horrors* tour, produced by Creation and FANGORIA Entertainment, go [here](#). Watch this space for regular updates.

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