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GENESIS OF OFFICE OUTBREAK

In 2002, after York Entertainment distributed our first film, R.I.C.C.O., my filmmaking partner retired from the business. I contemplated for weeks what project I could develop, serving as the Executive Producer, Writer, Director, Producer, Script Supervisor, Casting Director, Grip, Gaffer... with a limited budget, crew and shooting days.

Several weeks later, I arrived at the idea of shooting a movie in my office building, a high-rise in downtown Detroit. My first thought was to write a screenplay depicting employees in an average corporate American office, however the movie OFFICE SPACE and the Television show, THE OFFICE have done that. I finally came up with a concept of an outbreak consisting of a highly contagious, deadly disease, which leads to the Center for Disease Control, and the FBI to quarantine the building and declare a state of emergency for the safety of the general public at large.

I added two sub-plots: Reality T.V. and Accounting Fraud to add more conflict and a comedic satire angle.

The screenplay took six weeks to write, one month to cast, 10 days to shoot, and six months to edit. I am proud of the way the project has come together given the many constraints the independent filmmakers encounter.

I hope you enjoy the film.



Shawn Woodard

SYNOPSIS

Auditors uncover accounting fraud at a Fortune 500 Company. The CEO and CFO behind the fraud attempt to coerce the auditors into keeping the fraud quiet.

Meanwhile, a worker who recently returns to work after being on a Reality Television show begins infecting others with a highly contagious disease that sends the infected into a violent rage against the non-infected.

For the safety of the outside world, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the FBI declare a state of emergency and locks the building down. No one is allowed in or out of the premises. The people on the inside must survive the onslaught of the infected people until a vaccine is developed.

Later, one of the FBI agents on the case discovers that his long lost love is one of the people quarantined inside the building and violates agency protocol to rescue her.

This dead serious comedic satire unfolds largely in real-time and is shot with a documentary film style.

FILMMAKER'S BIOGRAPHY

Award winning director Shawn Woodard, executive produced, wrote, directed, produced, acted and served as the casting director for the feature film OFFICE OUTBREAK. In 2002 Woodard directed, produced, and co-wrote the feature film, R.I.C.C.O.

Woodard attended The Ohio State University and received a bachelor's degree in Accounting. Woodard then continued his education at Walsh College, receiving his master's degree with honors in 1999. He also completed film certificate programs at the Detroit Film Coalition and Comcast Cablevision in 2000.

PRODUCTION STILLS



CREDITS

Writer / Director /

Producer

Co – Producer

Consulting Producer

Executive Producer

Associate Producers

Shawn Woodard

Maana Dent

Marcus Canty

Shawn Woodard

Marshalle Montgomery

Robert Terrell

Alajah Bolkins

Reggie Williams

Louis Kerman

David Fenrich

Mark D’Errico

Shawn Woodard

Charles Henry

Charles Henry

Ted Moore

Pixel-Polygon.com

Charrise Walker

Catrese Medley

Editor

Sound Mixer

Music Score

Casting Director

Director of Photography

Audio

Prop Master

Multi Media Design

Production Assistants

CAST

John Lowe

Matt Timberlake

Maana Wendt

Lisa Scarboro

Brittany

George Hatchett

Agent Johnson

Chris

Dick Fanney

Kim

Kenneth Layman

Security Guard

Ahmed

Agent Lewis

Selena

Michael Burris

Corey Stevens

Rebecca Dawn

Jaqui Colston

Candice Boji

Dave Daniels

Theo Williamson

Dorian Hale

Roosevelt Johnson

Khaili Conway

Alex Safi

Clifford Sykes

Isaiah Hole

Lisa Lechniak

Dena Jarrett

NewsReporter

Malik

Amanda

Host

Searcy

John's Luv

Kerry

Ronald

Shirl

Paula

Beach Waitress

Jim

Agent Smith

Agent Williams

Trophe Girl

Agent 2

Ipod Jacker

Singer

Infected Stiff

Cha Cha

Shawn Woodard

Claudia Kender

Shannon Black

Dwayne Thomas

Mechelle Melone

Stefan Kukurugya

Allen Smith

Reema Rayan

LaReina Reid

Tamela Jones

Towondo Clairborn

John Deszi

Shawn Woodard

Cicely Douglass

Tammy Lyons

Rick LeValley

Tiffany Danzie

Warren Duncan