

DARK FLOORS

The Finnish Eurovision Song Contest winner Lordi will perform the theme song and star in new 4 million horror movie *Dark Floors – The Lordi Motion Picture* for Finnish producer Markus Selin of Solar Films.

“After Lordi’s win in Athens, Mr Lordi gave an interview where he suggested I contact him, which I did. He came up with this idea of a horror movie in the American slasher tradition, slightly Japanese style, which is set at a hospital,” explained Selin, who has for the last four years delivered the No 1 local top-grossers on the Finnish charts.

The film, released in Finland on Friday, 8 February, is the first feature by Pete Riski (born 1974), who has directed all the group’s videos.

Synopsis

Sarah is an autistic little girl who's father is worried about her health. Concerned for her, the father sees a removal from the hospital by force as the only option. An elevator breakdown prevents a smooth exit and renders them trapped with others. Yet the incident is only the beginning of a descent into nightmare. As the doors open the hospital appears mysteriously deserted. When mutilated bodies are found, creatures from a dark world start a frightening attack. It soon becomes clear that the survival of the group may rest solely on the little girl.



Production

Solar Films
Veneentekijäntie 20
00210 FIN Helsinki
Phone +358 9 417 44 700
Fax +358 9 417 44 744
Mobile +358 400 470 332
markus.selin@solarfilms.com
www.solarfilms.com

Co-production

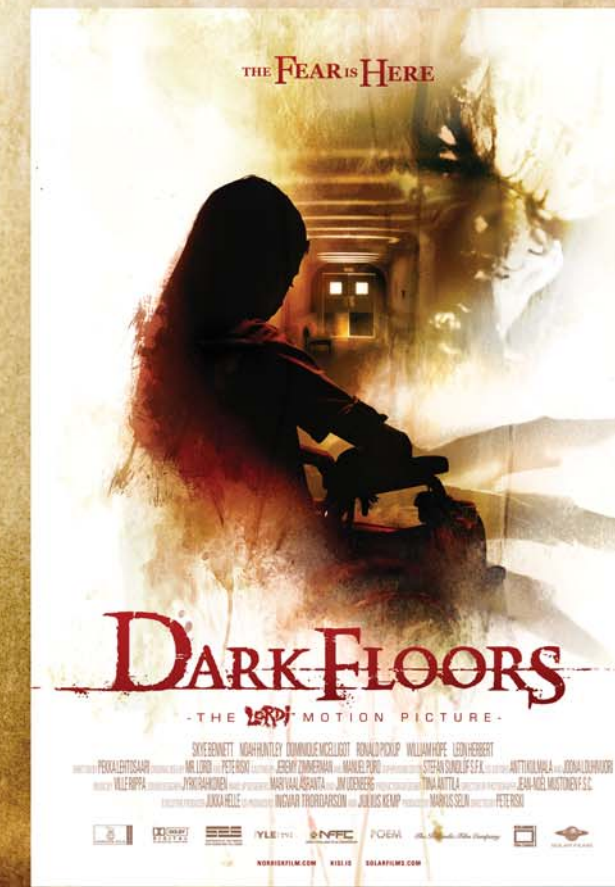
The Icelandic Film Company
Kisi Production
Bankastræti 11
101 Reykjavik
Iceland
Phone +354 562 4615
Fax +354 5624615
Mobile +354 659 5298
ngvar@kisi.is
www.kisi.is

International sales

Nordisk Film International Sales
Mosedalvej 14
2500 Valby
Denmark
Phone +45 3618 8200
Fax +45 3618 9550
Phone +45 3618 9559
Mobile +45 2421 4133
nicolai.korsgaard@nordiskfilm.com
www.nordiskfilmsales.com

Festivals

The Finnish Film Foundation
Kanavakatu 12
FIN 00160 Helsinki
Phone +358 9 6220300
Fax +358 9 62203050
ses@ses.fi
www.ses.fi



Director Pete Riski

Pete Riski (born 9th January 1974) Quiet guy who was born and raised in the northern part of the Finland. In the cold winters there was nothing else to do but watch telly and see every movie that played in local theater. At a teenage he made lots of short VHS horrormovies and musicvideos for local bands. Couple of years in the Art school lead to the Helsinki directing commercials and musicvideos. He had his first retrospective in the musicvideo festival at the age of 25. His musicvideos are something different what you have been used to see. Commercials are combined with different visual looks and interesting stories. Music is always one of the key things in his works. Decade in the business and lot's of different kind of awards later he's the same quiet northern guy as in the beginning.



Director's comment

Dark Floors is a horror movie with a strong visual edge. We will create a dark world which is very far from daily realism. Style is kind of mixture of grey comicbook world and stylish cinematic storytelling. This style supports our lead monsters of the movie, they are the members of the Lordi band. The situation is ideal because every band member is like made for this kind of genre movie. Also the time could not be better for this, Lordi is very well known all over Europe and a lot of comic books are transferred to the silver screen these days.

THE FEAR IS HERE

Production info

written by **PEKKA LEHTOSAARI**
original idea by **MR. LORDI** and **PETE RISKI**
casting by **JEREMY ZIMMERMAN** and **MANUEL PURO**
edited by **STEFAN SUNDLÖF**, **ANTTI KULMALA** and **JOONA LOUHIVUORI**
music by **VILLE RIIPPA**
sound designer **JYRKI RAHKONEN**
make up designers **MARI VAALASRANTA** and **JIM UDENBERG**
production designer **TIINA ANTTILA**
director of photography **JEAN-NOËL MUSTONEN F.S.C.**
co-producers **INGVAR THORDARSON** and **JULIUS KEMP**
executive producer **JUKKA HELLE**
produced by **MARKUS SELIN**
directed by **PETE RISKI**
release **8.2.2008**

Cast



Sarah **SKYE BENNETT**

Ben **NOAH HUNTLEY**



Rick **LEON HERBERT**

Emily **DOMINIQUE McELLIGOT**



Jon **WILLIAM HOPE**

Tobias **RONALD PICKUP**

Markus Selin – the producer behind hits



Markus Selin (born 16th March 1960) is the most successful producer in the recent re-birth of popular Finnish cinema. The most successful producer in the recent re-birth of popular Finnish cinema, Markus Selin was chosen Finnish producer of the year in 1999. He has won the Finnish 'most successful movie' audience poll five times and his movies have collected 23 Finnish Movie Awards. Selin works as a producer in Solar Films, the company he founded in 1995. Under his management, the company has become the leading production company in Finland in the fields of drama and entertainment.

Selin's local No 1 top performers during the last four years:

2006 Aleksi Mäkelä's *Matti (Matti-Hell Is for Heroes)*, 461,314 admissions. 2005 Aku Louhimies' *Paha maa (Frozen Land)*, 171,709 admissions. 2004 Aleksi Mäkelä's *Vares*. 201,097 admissions. 2003 Aleksi Mäkelä's *Papat pojat (Bad Boys – A True Story)*, 614,757 admissions. His most recent première, Aleksi Mäkelä's *V2 – Jäätynyt enkeli (V2 Dead Angel)*, has since Friday, 12 January, taken 193,600 admissions.

The movies produced by Markus Selin

2009 *Mannerheim* (in pre-production), 2008 *Dark Floors – The Lordi Motion Picture*, 2008 *The Home of Dark Butterflies*, 2007 *Astrópía*, Iceland, 2007 *V2 Dead Angel*, 2006 *Frozen City*, 2006 *Matti*, 2005 *Eleven Men Out*, Iceland, 2005 *Frozen Land*, 2004 *Popular Music*, Sweden/Finland, 2004 *Vares, Private Eye*, 2004 *Addiction*, 2003 *Bad Boys*, 2001 *Me and Morrison*, 2000 *The South*, 2000 *Restless*, 1999 *The Tough Ones*, 1997 *Gold Rush*, 1994 *Sunset Riders*, 1985 *Born American*.

Finnish Movie Awards to movies produced by Markus Selin (23):

Frozen City: best direction Aku Louhimies, best leading actor, Janne Virtanen, best leading actress, Susanna Anteroinen, best script, Paavo Westerberg and Mikko Kouki, best editing, Samu Heikkilä
Frozen Land: best film, Markus Selin, best direction, Aku Louhimies, best supporting actor, Sulevi Peltola, best supporting actress, Matleena Kuusniemi, best script, Paavo Westerberg, Jari Rantala and Aku Louhimies, best editing, Samu Heikkilä, best sound design, Kirka Sainio, Janne Laine and Samu Heikkilä, best costume design, Tiina Kaukanen
Vares – Private Eye: best editing, Kimmo Taavila
Bad Boys: best photography, Pini Hellstedt, best sound design, Jyrki Rahkonen
Me and Morrison: best actress, Irina Björklund
The South: best actress, Outi Mäenpää
Restless: best score, Leri Leskinen, best editing, Samu Heikkilä
The Tough Ones: best actor in a supporting role, Kalevi Haapoja
Sunset Riders: best direction, Aleksi Mäkelä, best actor, Juha Veijonen