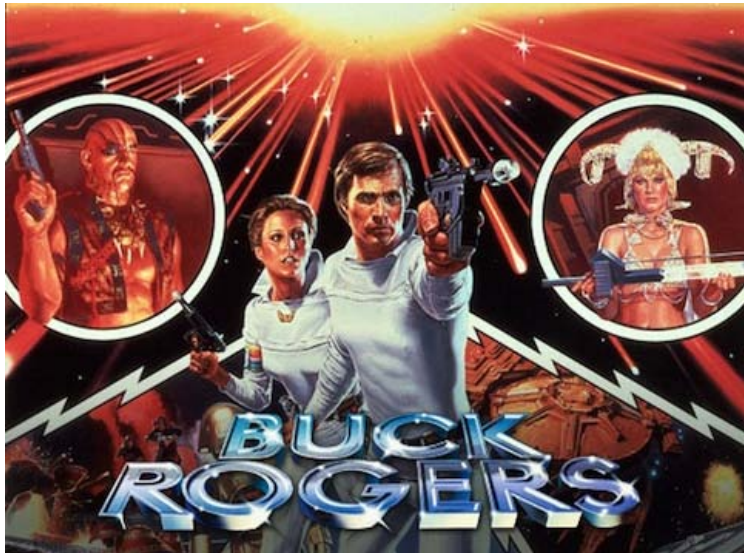


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## Gil Gerard to star in ghost story Blood Fare and Buck Rogers prequel series

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GIL GERARD, who starred in the 1979-1981 TV series Buck Rogers in the 25th Century, has joined the cast of Civil War ghost story Blood Fare.

Writer/director J.A. Steel made the casting announcement for what will be her fourth feature film.

Gerard is also starring alongside his Buck Rogers cast-mate Erin Gray in the upcoming web-based prequel series Buck Rogers Begins. They will play the parents of the new Buck (Bobby Rice, pictured below).

The description of this latest film is as follows:

**Blood Fare is a Civil War ghost story with a modern twist, filming in Utah, Washington, DC and Northern Virginia.**

**It is the story of Corporal Henry Trout (S. Edward Meek), who in 1861 fought valiantly in a forgotten skirmish after the first battle of Bull Run.**

**In 2011, he will come face to face with his descendants as the battle for blood continues on a haunted battlefield.**

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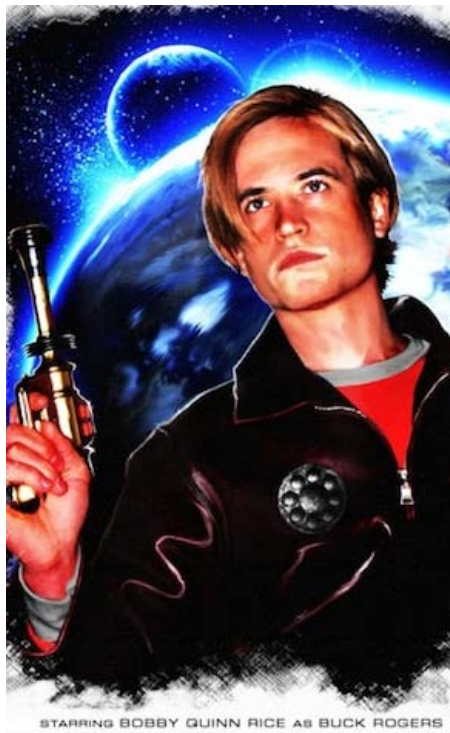
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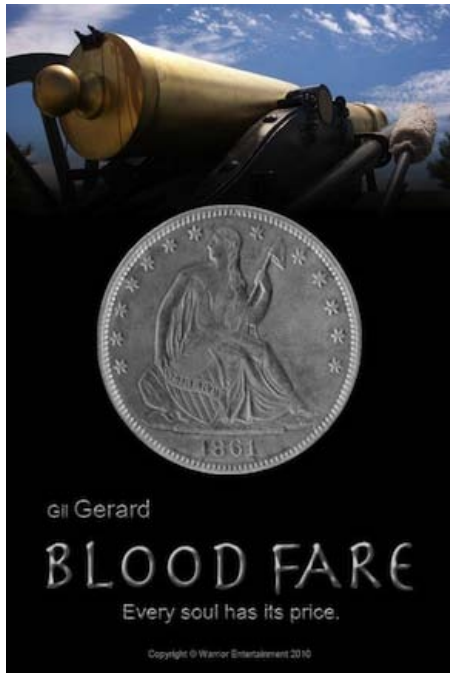
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*Tyler and her brother Chad, Henry's fifth generation grandchildren, will challenge the very legend of Charon the Ferryman, as the lines between the living and the dead become blurred.*



Gerard will play the character of Professor Meade, mentor to the protagonist Tyler, with principal photography in late September in Utah. Additional casting will be announced in the next few weeks.

Steel added that Hollywood make-up artist Chris Hanson (Hellboy, Underworld, Men in Black, Men in Black 2, The Green Mile, The X-Files, The Faculty, Spawn) has joined the crew of Blood Fare as special make-up effects supervisor.

The Blood Fare crew includes members of the Utah Civil War Association (UCWA), a re-enactment group. UCWA member Amanda Bowman Jones will be composing the soundtrack, along with Rob Lambros of The Street band, who provided the music for Steel's third feature Denizen, winner of the Park City Music Film Festival Bronze Medal for Excellence.

The director rounds out her production team with co-producer Christian K. Koch and executive producer Jessica M. Bair, who worked on past Steel projects.

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Funding is also needed for [Buck Rogers Begins](#). It needs a further \$25,000 - of which it has raised \$1,568 at present - for location filming on the pilot episode. To make a donation (minimum \$1, each donor receives a gift, depending on the amount pledged) visit [this webpage](#).

Retro Film Studios, in association with Cawley Entertainment and the Dille Family Trust, says it has already shot 30 minutes of footage. You can watch a clip below.

An entirely separate [Buck Rogers movie](#), to be directed by Paul W.S. Anderson, is also in the pipeline.

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