

Indie film Director Steel finds “Salvation” in Park City during Sundance.

The “Salvation” teaser trailer took home a Silver Medal for Excellence in the Best Impact of Music in a Short Film category at the Park City Film Music Festival last week. With its emphasis on music used in independent film, the Park City Film Music Festival highlights movies that best utilize music or a variety of music throughout the course of a film. The Park City Film Music Festival ran concurrently with the Sundance and Slamdance Film Festivals January 23-28, 2007.

Filmed entirely in Oklahoma, “Salvation” opens with the murder of the Knights Templar in 1307 by the Catholic Church for heresy. The souls of two of the Knights burned at the stake, Malchezidek (Ben Bayless) and Gabriel (J.A. Steel) are condemned to continue the heavenly battle between good and evil, fighting for the souls of men. Seeking to end her existence in Purgatory and find Redemption, Gabriel saves murdered 8 year old Michaela (Alyssa Wilson) and hides her away in a small Midwest town run by Sheriff Dade (Glen Jensen).

Several years pass when Michaela (Heather Surdukan) finally confronts the Biker Gang that killed her led by Billy Bedlam (Devon Brewster). Sheriff Dade suddenly has a string of unexplained murders that all lead to Michaela as the killer. Michaela must choose sides in the heavenly battle between Malchezidek and Gabriel and her own existence in Purgatory forever.

Award winning BMI composer Dan Radlauer composed the stirring orchestral opening to the trailer while Cody McCallister (also known as Zakky Nova, lead singer for the Salt Lake City band 4Saken1) composed the riveting song “Lies”. 4Saken1 performed “Lies” to a capacity crowd at the festival during a 45minute song set. Dan, unable to tear himself away from working on the “Salvation” feature score, congratulated Cody by phone from Los Angeles upon hearing the news. Ben Bayless who played Malchezidek in “Salvation” was also on hand during the awards show to congratulate McCallister.

Steel also managed to get her first radio interview for “Salvation” on the local Salt Lake City morning show “Radio from Hell” as McCallister brought out his Zakky Nova alterego. The show was broadcast live from the Park City Harley Davidson on X96. The interview ran the gambit on everything from porn to the Catholic Church to Zakky Nova’s real name.

Even with all the partying at Sundance, Steel did manage to get some work done. She gathered enough support to place two of her scripts, the action/thriller “Blood Deed” and the action/sci-fi “Night of the Hunter” into active development for possible production by the end of the year.

The “Salvation” Trailer and interviews can be seen at:
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