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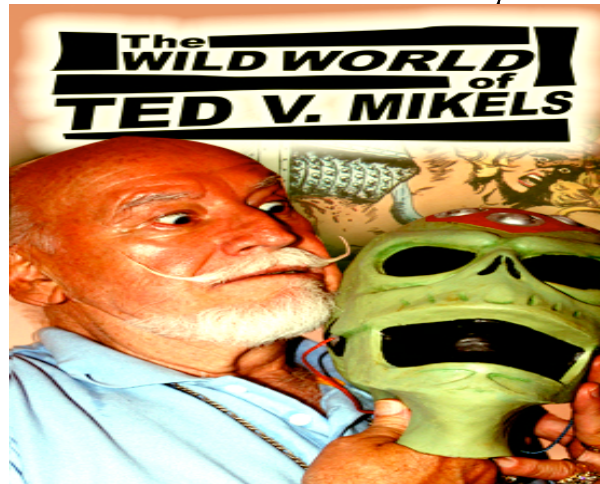
Date: Saturday, October 15, 2010 at 8:00PM

Venue: Oddball Films, 275 Capp Street, San Francisco 94110

Admission: \$10.00 RSVP Only to: 415-558-8117 or info@oddballfilm.com

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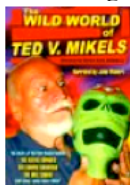
NYC Filmmaker Kevin Sean Michaels in person!



The Golden Age of Exploitation **The Wild World of Ted Mikels, Spook Show+William Castle Trailers** *Screens*

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Examples of Mikels' influence can be seen everywhere: from music (punk band The Misfits wrote a tribute song called "The Astro-Zombies"), to Mikels' film *The Doll Squad* was ripped-off by Aaron Spelling for the television series *Charlie's Angels*, to inspiring the look of the *Deadly Viper Assassination Squad* in Quentin Tarantino's *Kill Bill*. Narrated by the modern-day Vincent Price himself, John Waters!



Kevin Sean Michaels Director

Michaels is best known as Art Director for [Troma Entertainment](#) in 2002 and worked closely with filmmaker [Lloyd Kaufman](#) on Troma's [Poultrygeist: Night of the Chicken Dead](#) and for the 2007 documentary "**Vampira: The Movie.**"

Vampira: The Movie was his first documentary in 2007. The movie profiled the first "horror host" on television, Maila Nurmi, with testimonials by Sid Haig, Julie Strain, Kevin Eastman, Forrest Ackerman, Debbie Rochon, John Zacherle, Troma's Lloyd Kaufman, Bill Moseley, Cassandra Peterson, Jerry Only and horror historian David J. Skal. The score was written and performed by Ari Lehman, the first Jason Voorhies of *Friday the 13th*. *Vampira: The Movie* was released in September 2007 by Alpha Video. The movie won a Rondo Hatton Classic Horror Award in 2008 for Best Independent Production.

As an actor, Michaels can be seen in the independent movie *In a Spiral State*, directed by Ramzi Abed and played televangelist Buddy Taylor in *"Incest Death Squad 2,"* directed by Cory Udler.

Michaels' second documentary is *The Wild World of Ted V. Mikels* on Director Ted V. Mikels who produced *The Astro-Zombies*, *The Corpse Grinders*, *The Doll Squad* and many others. The film was released in 2010 by Alpha Video. Michaels also served as Creative Consultant on Mikels' upcoming movie *Astro-Zombies M3 Cloned*, the third installment in the *Astro-Zombies* trilogy.

His next documentary subject is Ingrid Pitt, star of *Where Eagles Dare* and numerous productions by Hammer Films. Pitt recorded the narration in May 2010. The first part of the project will be released on its own and will be an animated short. Entitled, *"Ingrid Pitt: Beyond The Forest,"* this turned out to be Pitt's last project. It is being animated by 10 year old artist Perry Chen, under the guidance of two-time Oscar nominee Bill Plympton.[1] Michaels is one of the producers of a new project starring David Lynch called *"Beyond The Noise: My Transcendental Meditation Journey,"* by young film student Dana Farley, who has severe Dyslexia and Attention deficit disorder