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HOLBEN'S HORROR SHORT GETS NOD FROM JOHN CARPENTER

Los Angeles, CA (October 22, 2002) - American Movie Classics and director John Carpenter have selected Jay Holben's 50-second horror short, "Hunger," as one of Carpenter's favorites to screen during a 30-minute Halloween special at midnight on October 31st on AMC.

As part of his commitment to Group 101 (a collection of filmmakers who agree to make one short workshop video per month for six months – www.group101films.com), Jay Holben penned, directed and photographed a short Digital Video horror entitled "Hunger" about a hapless homeowner who discovers a hungry unwanted guest in the middle of the night. As per the requirements set forth by AMC, the total length of the short could be no more than 50-seconds. "Trying to create something that was scary in less than a minute was incredibly challenging," offers Holben. "Horror is mostly about mood and ambience – which is created with the audience over time. Without that, I had to find some shortcut to the audience's emotions and try to create something that was effective in a short span of time." The finished product was submitted to American Movie Classics as part of their MonsterFest screening contest and was selected as one of sponsor John Carpenter's favorites to be presented on AMC at midnight on Halloween night in a special hosted by Carpenter himself. Carpenter rose to fame with the low-budget horror classic *Halloween* and followed that with *The Thing*, Stephen King's *Christine*, *Prince of Darkness*, *Escape from New York*, and recently *Ghosts of Mars*. He is serving as host for AMC's MonsterFest, a weeklong marathon of classic horror films (October 25-31).

Holben's "Hunger" will show during a special on Halloween night featuring Carpenter's picks from the short films submitted to AMC. It is also showing on www.amctv.com in the screening room where you can vote for your favorite shorts (new shorts are posted every Monday. "Hunger" will be available online for viewing and voting through 10/27).

"Hunger" stars Anthony Backman, Steve Bordelon, Christopher Horvath, Hayden O'Brien and features an original score by Buck Sanders.

Adakin Productions invites you to watch and vote for the film online and set your VCRs for midnight on Halloween to see "Hunger" on AMC. (Check your local listings for specific channel and time).

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