

The Deep Ones

The Deep Ones (also known as ***H.P. Lovecraft's the Deep Ones*** or ***H.P. Lovecraft was a Deep One***) is a 2020 American horror science fiction film written and directed by Chad Ferrin and based on H.P. Lovecraft's 1931 novel *The Shadow over Innsmouth*. The film stars Gina La Piana, Robert Miano, Johann Urb, Silvia Spross, Jackie Debatin, Nicolas Coster and was produced by Chad Ferrin, Gina La Piana, Robert Miano and Jeff Olan. It was premiered at Sitges Film Festival on October 10, 2020. The film is about a couple recovering from a recent miscarriage that encounters overly friendly locals and strange goings-on at a coastal getaway.^{[2][3]}

The Deep Ones is the last film appearance of Nicolas Coster after he died on June 26, 2023.

Synopsis

A married couple rents a beachside Airbnb, only to be surrounded by peculiar neighbors and occurrences. They soon discover they are in the grip of a mysterious cult and their ancient sea god.

Cast

- Gina La Piana as Alex
- Robert Miano as Russel Marsh
- Johann Urb as Petri
- Silvia Spross as Ingrid Krauer
- Jackie Debatin as Deb
- Nicolas Coster as Finley
- Kelli Maroney as Ambrose Zadok
- Timothy Muskatell as Dr. Gene Rayburn

Release

The film was premiered at Arizona Underground Film Festival on September 19, 2020, HARDLINE Film Festival on September 24, 2020, Santiago Horror Film Festival on September 30, 2020, H. P. Lovecraft Film Festival on October 2, 2020, Grimmfest International Festival of Fantastic Film and AFI Silver on October 9, 2020, Sitges Film Festival on October 10, 2020 and Irish Film Institute Horrorthon on October 24, 2020.^[4]

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Official release poster

Directed by	 Chad Ferrin
Written by	 Chad Ferrin H. P. Lovecraft
Story by	 H. P. Lovecraft
Based on	<i> The Shadow over Innsmouth</i> by H. P. Lovecraft
Produced by	 Chad Ferrin Gina La Piana Robert Miano Jeff Olan
Starring	 Gina La Piana Robert Miano Johann Urb Silvia Spross Jackie Debatin Nicolas Coster
Cinematography	 Jeff Billings
Edited by	 Jahad Ferif

It also premiered at The Dark Hedges Film Festival on October 26, 2020, Anatomy Crime & Horror International Film Festival on October 29, 2020, Another Hole in the Head Film Festival on December 11, 2020, MidWest WeirdFest on March 5, 2021, UK Motion Picture Festival on March 11, 2021.^[5]

The film has a limited release in the United States on April 23, 2021.^[6]

Reception

Alix Turner of Ready Steady Cut rate the film 1.5 out of 5 rating and wrote: Awful film that likes to think it's a modern, glamorous Lovecraft adaptation, but just looks cheap and sleazy.^[7] Mike McGranaghan of The Aisle Seat gave the film a rating of 1/4 and said: Writer/director Chad Ferrin doesn't build any mystery or suspense with the story. If you're going to adapt Lovecraft, shouldn't focusing on those things be your primary order of business?^[8]

Music by	<u>Richard Band</u>
Production companies	Crappy World Films Laurelwood Films
Distributed by	123 Go Films ^[1] ILY Films
Release dates	October 8, 2020 (Sitges) April 23, 2021 (United States)
Running time	83 minutes
Country	United States
Languages	English Finnish Swiss German

Roger Moore of Movie Nation rate the film 1.5 out of 4 rating and he wrote: If only the unintentional laughs, and the intentional ones, added up to something more than a vaguely canonical Lovecraft spoof.^[9] On Culture Crypt the film has a review score of 45 out of 100 indicating "unfavorable reviews".^[10]

Emilie Black of Cinema Craze gave the film a 3.5/5 rating and wrote:

The Deep Ones is a low budget take on Lovecraft's work that modernizes the subject at hand and makes the most of it.^[11]

Accolades

Award ceremony	Category	Recipient	Result	Ref.
Anatomy Crime and Horror Film Festival	Best Picture	<i>The Deep Ones</i>	Won	^[12]
	Best Director	<u>Chad Ferrin</u>	Won	
	Best Cinematography	Jeff Billings	Won	
	Best Special Effects	<i>The Deep Ones</i>	Won	
	People's Choice Best Actor	<u>Robert Miano</u> , <u>Johann Urb</u>	Won	

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