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Two of the most-awaited titles on the upcoming slate of genre-disc company Synapse Films now have dates and special-features info to announce, and another fright flick has been added to the lineup. Click past the jump for the details on EMBODIMENT OF EVIL (pictured), THE DORM THAT DRIPPED BLOOD and FRAT HOUSE MASSACRE, plus the EMBODIMENT cover art.



EMBODIMENT OF EVIL, the latest film from José Mojica Marins featuring his notorious Coffin Joe character, will arrive February 8 in a Blu-ray/DVD combo pack. “Our transfer is far superior to the master used for the UK disc,” Synapse’s Don May Jr. tells Fango; the Blu-ray will feature a high-definition anamorphic 1.85:1 transfer derived directly from a 2K scan of the film negative, not the HDCAM that was the source for previous versions, with uncompressed DTS-HD 5.1 Master Audio. The DVD will contain a standard-definition version, and special-features-wise, “We’ve got the North American premiere footage from the Fantasia film festival, a making-of featurette and the original theatrical trailer,” May says. Retail price is \$29.95.

A month later, Synapse has the 1982 slasher opus THE DORM THAT DRIPPED BLOOD, which we first reported about [here](#) , on tap. “That one’s currently scheduled for March 8; we’re in the middle of authoring it right now,” says May, who also gave us the scoop on the contents. “That will also be a Blu-ray/DVD combo for \$29.95. It’s the uncut director’s cut in anamorphic widescreen, with footage that no one has ever seen before; we put back as much as we possibly could, including additional sequences of both gore and dialogue, and restored the film to most complete version possible. It’ll have an audio commentary by the two directors, Jeffrey Obrow and Stephen Carpenter; featurettes that Michael Felsher of Red Shirt Pictures did for us about composer Christopher Young and makeup FX artist Matthew Mungle, for whom DORM was their first feature; and the original theatrical trailer.”

“EMBODIMENT,” “DORM,” “FRAT HOUSE” disc details from Synapse

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The new pickup FRAT HOUSE MASSACRE, a slaughter flick of more recent vintage, is currently undated, but Synapse already has a slew of extras planned for that eventual disc as well. Directed by Alex Pucci and boasting a score by Italian maestro Claudio Simonetti, the movie is set in 1979 and delves into the twisted and murderous underbelly of campus life. “We’ll be releasing the 117-minute director’s cut of that movie,” May reveals, “and we’ve got commentaries by the cast and filmmakers, deleted scenes, a behind-the-scenes documentary and more.” We’ll bring you further details and art as we get it, and you can find out more about Synapse’s product at its [official website](#) , which has been completely redesigned and newly relaunched with a blog, Facebook and Twitter feeds, etc.

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