

Pagans abound! Full “WICKER TREE” trailer debuts

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A full trailer for THE WICKER TREE, Robin Hardy’s follow-up/companion piece to his 1973 classic, THE WICKER MAN has hit and it sure has the weirdly humorous, yet completely unsettling vibe expected.

Adapted from his novel, COWBOYS FOR CHRIST, Hardy told Fango last year the storyline opens outside Dallas and focuses on a couple of attractive young missionaries. “One of them is a young woman [Beth Boothby, played by Britannia Nicol] who has become a sort of Britney Spears-like pop singer,” Hardy explains. “During that period, when she was being exploited by her father, she discovered she had a real voice. As you know, anyone can become a pop voice—you or I—with electronic help, but she can really sing, and has decided she wants to be a proper singer. That was a turning point in her life, and when we meet her she’s already a star, getting around in the obligatory long white limo, and has decided to do some service to God.

“Together with her childhood boyfriend [Henry Garrett], who is a proper cowboy, they set off for Scotland,” Hardy continues, “and the theme is that, as in many European countries, God has almost disappeared. They’re picked up by a couple, the man of which is not wholly unlike Lord Summerisle [played by Christopher Lee in WICKER MAN], and think they can help them find Jesus—but in effect, they’re falling into a trap. So the first half of the film is the audience realizing that this is not just a wonderful, friendly exercise for them, and the second half is finding out what kind of trap it is.”

The clip has debuted on the film’s [official site](#) . No word on release yet, unfortunately, but keep an eye on Fango for more as it comes out, and check out our [full talk](#) with Hardy about WICKER TREE from this past summer.

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