

French filmmaker tells comet tale “DEAD SHADOWS”

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Halley's Comet causes more trouble for Earthlings in *DEAD SHADOWS*, a new French fright film currently in production. The first details, a poster and the first trailer have surfaced.

David Cholewa is directing and producing the movie, which stars Fabian Wolfrom, Gwendolyn Gourvenec and *100 FEET*'s John Fallon, with a special appearance by French TV host Laurie Cholewa. The story focuses on a young man named Chris, whose parents were brutally killed on a day when Halley's Comet could be sighted in the sky. Eleven years later, the comet will be visible again and Chris' neighbors are preparing to celebrate—but as the event gets closer, people begin acting strange, disoriented and violent, ultimately mutating into unearthly beings, leaving Chris and the other unaffected tenants to fight for their lives. The special makeup and FX were created by David Scherer, whose credits include Jean Rollin's *LA NUIT DES HORLOGES*, Jean-Marc Vincent's *BABY BLOOD* sequel *LADY BLOOD* and the forthcoming *THE THEATRE BIZARRE*.

“With *DEAD SHADOWS*, producer and director David Cholewa wants to redefine the creature horror genre with lots of action,” according to PR from DC Medias, which begins selling the movie at this month's Cannes Film Festival market. “By taking what the French are well-known for in the horror genre and going back to the old '80s vibes and elevating it to the next level, we want to create a film that is fun, suspenseful, full of action and very scary.” Shot with the RED Mysterium X camera, *DEAD SHADOWS* began shooting in April and will wrap in July, with completion targeted for the end of this year and a French theatrical release planned for 2012.

