

Exclusive: Halloween becomes a “NIGHT OF THE PUMPKIN”

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Director Frank Sabatella (pictured) created his own horrific holiday in his recent fright feature **BLOOD NIGHT: THE LEGEND OF MARY HATCHET**; now he's offering his take on All Hallow's Eve horrors with **NIGHT OF THE PUMPKIN**. He gave us the scoop on the project and a first look at the poster, so read on.

The first in a planned series of annual Halloween short films to be produced by Sideshow Pictures, **NIGHT OF THE PUMPKIN** was scripted by SWEATSHOP's Ted Geoghegan from a story by Sabatella and associate producers George A. Taramas and Michael Grusso. The story centers on pals Steve and Cutter, who make the time-honored mistake of holding a seance in a cemetery on the night of October 31. Needless to say, they raise an ancient demon that possesses a jack-o'lantern, and the pumpkin monster starts chowing down on the town's residents. It falls to Steve to put a stop to its rampage and save the woman he loves. Other **BLOOD NIGHT** alumni involved include producer Frank Mosca, cinematographer/editor Stephen Franciosa Jr., makeup FX creator Jeremy Selenfriend and visual FX creator John Morena.

“We wanted to start making yearly Halloween shorts to keep us all busy, and take a break from some of the more commercial projects many of us are working on right now,” Sabatella tells Fango. “**NIGHT OF THE PUMPKIN** is allowing us to work with other filmmakers we wanted to work with, and have a great time making a really gory mess for the fans this year! This project is so much fun, and it is just the beginning of our annual treats for all the tricksters out there.”

The project is seeking additional funds via [Kickstarter](#). You can see Sideshow Pictures' Facebook page [here](#).

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