

Fantasia
OFFICIAL SELECTION 2023

ROMI

RAVEN BANNER ENTERTAINMENT AND RED WATER ENTERTAINMENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH NEVERMINE FILMS PRESENTS "ROMI"

STARRING ALEXA BARAJAS JUAN RIEDINGER PAVEL KRIZ MUSIC BY ROBERT CUFFLEY COSTUME DESIGNER FRANK LARATTA

EDITED BY BRIDGET DURNFORD PRODUCTION DESIGNER CARL SHELTON EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS LINDA NAINAAR SUSIE MOLONEY FRANK LARATTA

PRODUCED BY PATRICK MCLAUGHLIN BASED UPON THE PLAY BY COLIN SHELTON AVI FEDERGREEN JOHN FERRARO

WRITTEN BY SUSIE MOLONEY DIRECTED BY COLIN SHELTON EXECUTED BY ROBERT CUFFLEY



ROMI

Running time: 86 minutes

Shooting resolution: 4k

Production location: Canadian

Screening format: 1080p or 4k

Year: 2023

Starring: Alexa Barajas
Juan Riedinger
Pavel Kriz

Director: Robert Cuffley

Writer: Susie Moloney

Producer: Colin Sheldon

Executive producers: John Ferraro
Avi Federgreen
Colin Sheldon

Editor: Bridget Durnford

Cinematographer: Patrick McLaughlin

Sound designer: Frank Laratta

Composer: Robert Cuffley

Production designer: Carl Sheldon



ABOUT THE FILM

ROMI is an independent feature film produced by Nevermine Films in association with the award-winning director, Robert Cuffley (Near Dark Picture Corp.) and best-selling horror novelist, Susie Moloney. This is their second feature together after working on Bright Hill Road.

SYNOPSIS

In ROMI, AI takes control when a young woman hides out in a state-of-the-art smart home while evading the law. As her reality unravels, she discovers she is not the only one with secrets.

Director Robert Cuffley first explored the horrors of AI in his 2019 short of the same name and now he's expanded the terror to a feature-length film.

Starring Alexa Barajas (YELLOWJACKETS), Juan Redinger (EXCESS FLESH, RICEBOY SLEEPS), Pavel Kriz (MISSION IMPOSSIBLE-GHOST PROTOCOL), and Jocelyn Chugg as the omniscient ROMI, this safe house is anything but!



ROBERT CUFFLEY

Robert Cuffley is a Canadian filmmaker and screenwriter who began shooting short films while still in junior high school. Since then Robert has directed six feature films that have been shown around the world, including the Toronto International Film Festival, Fantasia, SXSW and the Telluride Horror Show.



SUSIE MOLONEY

Susie Moloney is an award-winning novelist and a screenwriter. Her five books of fiction have been published all over the world in multiple languages. New to film, she made her feature debut with “Bright Hill Road”. Her award winning shorts, “The Suburbanight” and “ROMI” had very successful festival runs. Susie has written for television, magazines and newspapers in all genres including horror, humour, news, features and biography.

COLIN SHELDON

Colin Sheldon has a bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Calgary and A Film/Video production diploma from SAIT. Since graduation he has produced award winning and critically acclaimed shorts and feature films including "The End", "Ally Was Screaming" and "Bright Hill Road"





JOHN FERRARO

John Ferraro is an independent producer and manager at Valleywood Entertainment representing writers and directors. At Paramount Pictures his experience spanned both film and television. As a Head of Worldwide Acquisitions he oversaw such independent productions as Jonathan Mostow's debut feature "Breakdown" starring Kurt Russell, Ernest Dickerson's film Juice, starring Tupac Shakur, and Morgan Freeman's directorial debut Bopha!. As a drama series development executive at Paramount Television he oversaw the development of such shows as "Star Trek: The Next Generation"

AVI FEDERGREEN

Avi Federgreen's over twenty-five years of experience in the Canadian film industry includes over seventy films produced. He's also the creator of the Indiecan10K & Indiecan20K First Feature Initiatives that have now helped 8 first features get made in Canada.

In the Fall of 2020 Federgreen directed his first feature film Family Seductions (AKA Lethal Love) for Neshama Entertainment / Marvista Entertainment which was sold to Netflix US as since directed two episodes of the acclaimed hit series Holly Hobbie and directing a feature titled Summer At Charlotte's for Trilight Entertainment. Recently, Federgreen produced and directed his DREAM Feature film Home Free which will be completed Fall of 2023.

In the Summer of 2022 Federgreen then launched a Genre Distribution Company RED WATER ENTERTAINMENT servicing Horror, Sci Fi, Action and Thriller titles. Indiecan and Red Water have released over 200 films in Canada, and over 100 films in the US.

LINDA NAINAAR

A modern interior space featuring a staircase with a glass railing and a dining table with two chairs. The scene is dimly lit, with a dark blue or grey color palette. The staircase is on the left, and the dining table is in the foreground. The background shows a large window or glass wall.

Linda Nainaar was born in Durban, SA, fled apartheid at age 4 with her family and immigrated to Canada in 1969. She wrote her first piece at the age of 9 about a monster. Fifty years later she is in the horror genre working on a feature film with esteemed Director Robert Cuffley. Linda opened Bunny Chow Productions Inc. last year and is an Associate Producer on ROMI.

FRANK LARATTA

Frank Laratta is an award winning and Emmy Nominated Supervising Sound Editor, Sound Designer, and Re-recording Mixer with numerous film and television credits on dramatic, documentary, and commercial projects. Highlights include “ Fargo Season 1 ” (FX Network), “ Klondike Mini Series ” (Discovery) - both of which earned Frank an Emmy nomination, all 5 season’s of “ Hell On Wheels ” (AMC), and recently “ Van Helsing ”, “ Ghost Wars ” (SyFy & Netflix), “ The Order ”, “ I-Land ”, and “ Wu Assassins ” (Netflix).

Frank is co-owner of Propeller Studios Inc. in Calgary, Alberta, as well as a founding member of the growing Alberta Post Production Association (APPA), an organization dedicated to fostering opportunity and growth of Post Production in Alberta.



ALEXA BARAJAS

Alexa Barajas was born in Guadalajara, Mexico before moving to Canada at the age of 11. She has been passionate about acting for as long as she can remember and soon she was booking small roles on series including WAYWARD PINES and features like ENDLESS. She is best known for her work as 'Mari' on the critically acclaimed series YELLOWJACKETS as well as the villainous 'Ultraviolet' on THE FLASH. Alexa will next be seen in the feature film ROMI which will be out later this year.



JUAN RIEDINGER

Juan Riedinger was born to a Peruvian mother and a German father in Banff, Canada. He makes his living as a professional actor with over one hundred film and TV credits. Notable credits include: recurring as 'Carlos Lehder' on "Narcos" for Netflix, recurring opposite Michelle Dockery on "Good Behavior" for TNT, a memorable recurring role on "Claws" for TNT, and the lead of the gritty CBC series, "The Romeo Section." Riedinger's acting work has translated into success behind the camera, with a long list of credits as a filmmaker.



PAVEL KRIZ

Pavel Kriz is a Czech–Canadian actor who's been acting on both screen and stage for over 40 years. Pavel studied at the Prague Conservatory of Dramatic Arts and was a member of the National Theatre in Prague before fleeing Czechoslovakia to escape the communist regime. He now resides in British Columbia, occasionally returning to the Czech Republic to act.

Pavel's resume includes the iconic *Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol*, *Red Election*, alongside James D'Arcy and Stephen Dillane, the Amazon original *Totems*, and the BBC original *A Suitable Boy*. In 2011, Pavel starred in *King Lear* and was featured in *As You Like It* at Main Street Theatre in Houston, Texas. He'll soon be appearing in the upcoming Czech crime series *Hunter* by Jiří Strach.



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