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The Driller Killer

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On DVD, Blu-Ray and Dual Format from Monday 28th Nov. 2016.

Fast sell:

One of the most notorious of the ‘video nasties’, Abel Ferrara’s exploitation-art-house crossover was judged almost entirely on its video artwork with the film itself left out of the equation. Now it gets the release it deserves with a stunning Limited Edition Steelbook from Arrow Video with the film fully uncut and in all its unnerving, stylish glory.

Talent support availability:

Director Abel Ferrara (Bad Lieutenant, Ms. 45, King of New York).

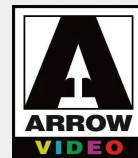
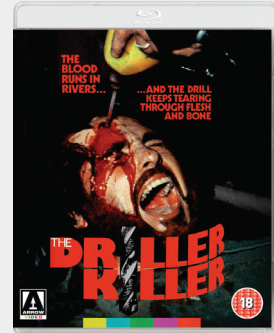
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Synopsis:

In career that has encompassed such controversial classics as Ms. 45, Bad Lieutenant and Welcome to New York, none of Abel Ferrara’s films have quite managed to match the shock, extremity and downright notorious nature of The Driller Killer.

Ferrara plays struggling artist Reno, a man pushed to the edge by the economic realities of New York living in the late seventies and the No Wave band practising in the apartment below. His grip on reality soon begins to slip and he takes to stalking the streets with his power tool in search of prey...

One of the most infamous ‘video nasties’, in part thanks to its drill-in-head sleeve, The Driller Killer has lost none of its power to unnerve and is presented here fully uncut.



RELEASE INFORMATION

Distributor	Arrow Video
Certificate	18
Release date	28th November, 2016
Running time	96 mins

KEY TALENT INFORMATION

Director	Abel Ferrara
Stars	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Abel FerraraCarolyn ManzBaybi Day

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We like it because:

Never before has a film been so misunderstood! The exploitative title and video artwork gave the impression of a gore-filled splatter flick but the reality is a much more creeping, stylish psychological thriller examining a man pushed right to the edge and over into violence. Yes, there is gore but not, perhaps, in the way you were expecting.

Abel Ferrara directed himself as Reno, a man who becomes obsessed with the idea of killing people with the titular power tool and eventually carries out his fantasies to unleash his rage. Shocking and unnerving, his rampage is still as difficult to watch as ever and is shown here in its entirety. It makes for uncomfortable viewing but is fascinating as the feature film debut of a director who would go on to become one of America's most interesting auteurs.

The Arrow Video release of *The Driller Killer*, really is a joy for horror and exploitation fans with its stunning Steelbook presentation, and gorgeous high definition restoration of the film itself. There are several never-before-seen special features including a brand new commentary by Ferrara - exclusive to this release, as well as a new interview with him and a new visual essay on his career. The release also includes *Mulberry St.* for the first time ever on UK home video, Ferrara's 2010 feature-length documentary portrait of the New York location that has played a key role in his life and work.

Hot Quotes:

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LIMITED EDITION CONTENTS

Limited Edition Steelbook featuring original artwork (2500 copies)

Brand new restoration from original film elements

High Definition Blu-ray (1080p) and Standard Definition DVD presentations

Original Uncompressed Mono PCM audio

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Region: All

Duration: 96 mins

Language: English

Subtitles: English SDH

Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1

Audio: Mono 1.0

Discs: 2

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Dual Format: £19.99

Directed by: Abel Ferrara

Starring: Abel Ferrara, Carolyn Manz, Baybi Day