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PLAGUE AND PARANOIA IN NEIL MARSHALL'S TIMELY NEW  
WITCH HUNT CHILLER ***THE RECKONING***

***THE DESCENT* DIRECTOR NEIL MARSHALL RETURNS TO HIS HORROR ROOTS THIS  
APRIL**

**22nd February 2021, London UK** – AMC Networks' Shudder, in partnership with Vertigo Releasing, announces the arrival of period horror **THE RECKONING**, from top genre director Neil Marshall (*The Descent, Dog Soldiers, Game of Thrones*) in cinemas and on digital platforms from 16th April.

Neil Marshall returns to the genre that made his name, reuniting with *Dog Soldiers* star Sean Pertwee, and featuring a striking lead performance from Charlotte Kirk (who also co-wrote the script) as a widow accused of being a witch.

It's *Witchfinder General* for the Covid era, featuring a star-making turn from Kirk (*Ocean's Eight*), who turns from tortured victim to fierce avenger; and a fantastic performance from Pertwee as a superbly sinister judge. Marshall, who directed episodes of *Game of Thrones* and *Black Sails*, knows how to mount a thrilling action set-piece, and piles on lashings of blood and thunder - and even a skin-crawling appearance from the devil - to tell this tale of a woman wronged seeking vengeance. With touches of Hammer horror and recent cult hits *The Witch* and *The Nightingale*, *THE RECKONING* is, as BritFlicks says, "a proper rip-roaring yarn".

**Synopsis:** Set against the backdrop of the Great Plague and subsequent witch-hunts against women, Grace Haverstock (Charlotte Kirk) must grapple with the tragic untimely death of her husband Joseph (Joe Anderson) in a society completely consumed by fear and death. Because she rejects her landlord Squire Pendleton's (Steven Waddington) advances, she is falsely accused of being a witch and thrown in jail for a crime she didn't commit. Grace must endure physical persecution at the hands of England's most ruthless witch-hunter Judge Moorcroft (Sean Pertwee) and face her own inner demons as the Devil himself starts to work his way into her mind.

**THE RECKONING WILL BE IN CINEMAS AND ON DIGITAL PLATFORMS ON 16  
APRIL**



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