

Worth watching – not just on Halloween

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Canadian director Johanna Kern's latest feature fantasy/family film, with visual effects, titled "Shadowland: The Legend", is now available across Canada. With its fantasy themes suitable for all audiences, the film could be a treat for upcoming Halloween!

THE UNUSUAL STORY:

The film took several years in post-production, something nobody could predict. It is filled with visual effects, approx. 30% (which alone took four and half years). To our knowledge, there is no other film as such made by independent producers, not in Canada, not in the world. The visual effects fantasy movies usually are done by major studios with hundreds of millions dollar budget. Those that have no big budgets — are very modestly done. This film is different — it looks and sounds like a substantial budget feature, with a huge cast — over 300 performers including actors, children, stunts and extras, shot on over twenty five locations in Ontario, and filled with Visual Effects, as well as top world class music. Johanna Kern, writer/director & producer has never given up! After several years of true hardship, and thanks to the labor of love: the film is now available across Canada, and its ranking goes up quickly!

PRODUCTION NOTES:

Shot on twenty-five locations in Ontario, Canada, with a large cast (over 3 hundred performers, including martial artists and actors: adults, teenagers and children) – the film and visual effects have been completed in April 2012, and picked up by E-One distribution company shortly after completion. Pre-publicity media coverage achieved total *gross impressions* of more than 3 million Canadians, through *CityTV*, *MovieTelevision*, *CHEX-TV*, *CFMT-TV*, *Mississauga News*, *Oshawa/Whitby This Week* and *Playback Magazine*. The original screenplay was based on a stage production — *Frank, Big Baba and Forty Thieves* – that ran in 2001.

“Shadowland can happen anytime, and anywhere”, says the writer/producer/director Johanna Kern. “This is a story to empower young people to fully become the archetypal Warriors, Mystics, Kings and Queens – that they already are.”

Recently, a novel based on the film script, written by a British author Roy Fitzsimmonds and Johanna Kern, has been completed. The music is scored by the highly acclaimed top European composer, Romuald Lipko, who has written over 200 hit songs, and is the leader of the famous European rock band, *Budka Suflera* (EU top ten for 30 years). Romuald Lipko & Johanna Kern co-wrote the leading/promotional song for the film.

The *Shadows* are performed by dozens of high-profile martial artists, including Canadian National Martial Artists team members.

CAST:

The film stars Nathan Pidgeon as “Frank” and Agnes Podbielski as “Caroline” (first timer to a feature film); Andrew Guy as “Donlore” (*The Rhino Brothers, Cooler Climate, Man with a Gun, Kissed, Intersection, Sliders, Highlander*); Vieslav Krystyan as “Centres” (*Fugitive Pieces, 54, Darkman III, Nikita, The Shrine, Soul Food, Relic Hunter, PSI Factor: Chronicles of the Paranormal, Kung Fu: The Legend Continues*); Mark Whelan as “Revil” (He is the face of the *Sleeman*[™] franchise) among others.

GOOD NEWS:

The Theme Song from the film is now playing on 24 radio stations across Canada! The Theme Song was written by the famous composer, R. Lipko – music, and Johanna Kern (producer/director/writer of “Shadowland, The Legend” film) – the stations include, among others: CFJU FM in Kedgwick, New Brunswick; CINN FM in Hearst, Ontario; CIHO FM in Saint Hilarion, Quebec; CJMQ in Sherbrooke, Quebec; CHRQ 106.9 FM in Listuguj, Quebec; CJLM FM 103.5 in Joliette, Quebec; CFBO FM in Moncton, New Brunswick; CFNJ FM in Saint Gabriel, Quebec; CJSO FM in Sorel, Quebec; CHFI FM 101.9 in Chateagua, Quebec; CKGN FM in Kapuskasing, Ontario; CIMS FM in Balmoral, New Brunswick; CJPN FM in Fredericton, New Brunswick; CHYC FM in Sudbury, Ontario; CHYK FM in Timmins, Ontario; CHLY

FM on Nanaimo Island, BC & CFSI on Salt Spring Island, BC. More Radio Stations are coming soon...!

SYNOPSIS:

Frank (12) and his sister Caroline (16) arrive in mythical Attic Town in Shadowland, where the Great Syndicate is ruling and robbing citizens. An army of Shadows kidnaps anyone who is out after dark and the Patrolling Thieves make the daylight miserable for everyone. Attic Town is a place where the streets have no names and there is no turning back. Not realizing that they shifted in space and time, Frank and Caroline split, looking for directions. Wandering the streets, the boy meets Donlore, a young Patrolling Thief, and trusts this somewhat shadowy figure despite his first instincts. Caroline finds herself on a farm outside of town. She soon sets on a journey to find her brother and help him realize his mistake. She has to find him before dark. When the night falls, he will remain one of the dark rulers forever and there will be no way back. In the meantime, the underground opposition of Attic Town begins to revolt...

WHERE TO FIND THE FILM:

Rogers (under Kids&Family); Shaw Cable, Sasktel & MTS (under New Releases), iTunes (under action/adventure), Google Play (under action/adventure):

iTunes:

<http://itunes.apple.com/ca/movie/shadowland-the-legend/id554004113>

Google Play:

https://play.google.com/store/movies/details/Shadowland_The_Legend?id=X561hnsTP5c