

IMTA ALUM MIKA BOOREM IS “AWAKE” *MINUTES PAST MIDNIGHT*



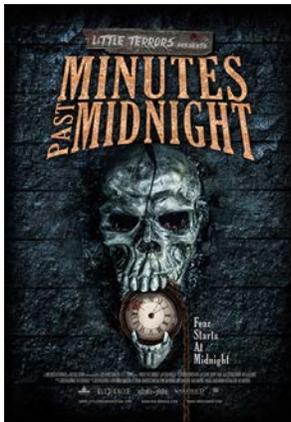
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The North American VOD release of *Minutes Past Midnight* is Tuesday, October 18th

“I’m working on directing now. I’ve been acting since I was little and now I’ve ventured into the whole directing world. It’s exciting! It’s a lot of work, but it’s exciting.”

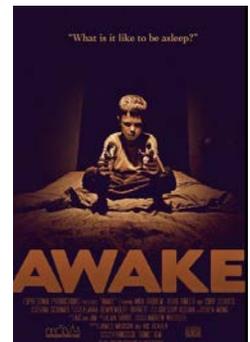
– Mika Boorem

Nearly every year there are new horror films released in October to ensure you can have a very scary Halloween. This year is no exception with the premiere of *Minutes Past Midnight*, the first release of a promised series of anthology feature films. In *Minutes Past Midnight*, as midnight falls, all manner of terror invades the Earth. Demons, cannibals, killers, ghosts and monsters swarm the world in these tales of the supernatural, the fantastic, and the just plain horrific.



Minutes Past Midnight is nine short horror films curated from Toronto’s long-running, very popular, monthly short film festival known as Little Terrors which promises “Two full hours of the craziest, goriest, most-disturbing and off-the-wall short films the genre has to offer” and warns “We are not responsible for your mental state upon leaving the theatre.”

IMTA alum Mika Boorem stars as Caylie in the *Minutes Past Midnight* segment “Awake,” in which a young couple struggles to cope when their son’s mysterious illness takes a turn for the worse. Robb Rineer and Cory Shuttle also star in the segment, which was written by Collin George and directed by Francisco Sonic Kim. Boorem also acted as a producer on “Awake,” which has been screened at numerous film festivals prior to its inclusion in *Minutes Past Midnight*.



Other segments of *Minutes Past Midnight* include “Horrific,” “Ghost Train,” “Roid Rage,” “Timothy,” “The Mill at Calder’s End,” “Crazy for You,” “Feeder” and “Never Tear Us Apart.” Segments star Jason Flemmyng, Barbara Steele, Owen McDonnell, Steve Wall and Aurhur Darvill. Directors of other segments are Robert Boocheck, Lee Cronin, Ryan Lightbourn, Marc Martínez Jordán, Kevin McTurk, James Moran, Christian Rivers and Sid Zanforlin.

Boorem is currently working on *Hollywood Hustle: LA Player*, a mockumentary about Hollywood players where everyone is in a race to make the next big movie. Boorem is directing, acting in and producing the film, which also stars Robert Amico, Jenny Cho, Devin Ratray, Brittany Underwood and Cody Kasch.



Another project for Boorem is *Tale of the Wet Dog* in which a homeless man becomes a media sensation after rescuing a woman and her dog from New York’s East River. Ryan Merriman and Veronika Dash also star in the comedy/drama, scheduled for a 2017 release.