

On set video diary: Canadian indie "CANSWER"

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It's Mother's Day, and Fango is on the set of new zombie indie CANSWER at an auto body shop in the northwest corner of Toronto. Coincidentally, it's also the day for the huge "Get Infected!" zombie horde casting call. So, naturally, this writer in desperate attempt to find a Mother's Day gift brought his along to join the undead, a "mombie."

CANSWER is about two strangers, Cillian (Robert Nolan) and Ellen (Sarah Cunningham), who are stranded together on an industrial rooftop in the midst of a global pandemic. They battle starvation and dehydration as they try and survive together through Canadian filmmaker Alfredo Salvatore Arcilesi's second feature. Over the past five years, Arcilesi has started to make a name for himself in Canada with a series of compelling dramas. Now, CANSWER is his first foray into horror genre and here in this exclusive video, he talks about how the project came together and the response he got for having an open casting call for zombies.

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Robert Nolan has become a major fixture in the indie horror film scene in Canada (FAMILIAR, THE DEVIL WALKS AMONG YOU) and this picture marks his fifth collaboration with Arcilesi. We spoke with Nolan (who plays Cillian) and newcomer Sarah Cunningham (who plays Ellen) about their roles in CANSWER.

{youtube}zjai_aul1Uk{/youtube}

My mother, Beth's dream was to be in zombie movie, so the crew of CANSWER obliged. To make sure she made the most of her shoot we put her in contact with actor John Milgliore who has been in a record breaking 17 zombie films including DAWN OF THE DEAD (2004), LAND OF THE DEAD and SURVIVAL OF THE DEAD to give her some zombie pointers.

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We then interviewed the makeup FX team of Carlos Henriques and Ryan Louagie, collectively known as The Butcher Shop, along with their additional makeup crew they brought in for the day. We talked about their undertaking of making up 70 people in one morning for a large zombie scene.

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Next up, we join director of photography, Philip Sportel on the rooftop of the aforementioned auto shop, where the majority of the action takes place in the film. Philip is a director himself, creating music videos for indie acts like Johnny Polygon's "Riot Song" and Colin Munroe's "World of Pain".

{youtube}g8PYst_IM7Y{/youtube}

Meanwhile, not just moms got involved in the zombie action; we met up with 12-year-old Jack who played one of the horde in CANSWER.

{youtube}K65ZKxYjvnY{/youtube}

For more details on CANSWER and Archiles Films, head right [here](#) .