

Rotted: a bold new vision in body horror, now live on indiegogo

Life is a body horror: All-female creative team launches Indiegogo campaign for new short film 'Rotted'



Los Angeles, California May 8, 2026 (Issuewire.com) - co-directors katie brady and gracie tea announce the launch of a daring independent film project, rotted, which blends visceral body horror with essential social commentary. produced by executive producer shey bogumil and associate producer monika elmont, the campaign is now live on indiegogo. it invites horror audiences and supporters of

independent cinema to take part in a project that challenges traditional narratives and delivers a raw, immersive cinematic experience.

a film designed to challenge perception

rotted combines unsettling visual aesthetics with deep thematic exploration of chronic illness and the disability experience. designed as both a cinematic experience and an artistic statement, the film moves beyond conventional horror, offering a thought-provoking look at the fragility of the human body and the american healthcare system.

our goal with rotted is to create something that feels raw and honest, said the directing team. this story is for those who understand what it's like to fight for their own health every day. we want audiences to not just watch the film, but experience it emotionally.

key features and highlights

- body horror with purpose: a unique tagline, life is a body horror, reflects the film's focus on physical decay and medical vulnerability.
- all-female creative team: a project led exclusively by women looking to make a lasting impact and uplift marginalized voices in the film industry.
- independent creative vision: a project in collaboration with bricolage studios that prioritizes originality and artistic freedom.
- social commentary: a narrative focused on the realities of navigating a failing healthcare system.

campaign progress and funding goal

the rotted indiegogo campaign aims to raise \$20,000 to support production and post-production. the campaign is currently live and has raised \$10,233 so far, with only 13 days remaining. if the goal is exceeded, stretch goals of \$30,000 and \$40,000 have been set to further expand the film's reach.

exclusive opportunities for backers

supporters will receive unique rewards themed around the film's identity, designed to make backers feel like they are helping the lead character, rose. rewards include an instagram shoutout, handmade postcards, custom hot sauce from rigmaiden reserve, a digital soundtrack, and executive producer credits.

a new voice in independent cinema

rotted is more than a film; it is an exploration of storytelling in its most unfiltered form. by supporting the campaign, backers are contributing to the growth of independent cinema and helping bring bold, unconventional narratives to the screen.

every supporter becomes part of the film's journey, the team added. this is about building something together that challenges expectations and leaves a lasting impact.

join the campaign

the rotted indiegogo campaign is now live:

<https://www.indiegogo.com/en/projects/rottedfilm/rottedfilm>

about rotted

rotted is a short horror film written by katie brady and co-directed by katie brady and gracie tea, in collaboration with bricolage studios. the story gives a voice to those suffering from chronic illness in the midst of the failing american healthcare system. created for audiences who value originality and immersive cinematic experiences, the film represents a bold step forward in female-led filmmaking.

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