

Espocinema presents a film by Adrian Esposito
Greetings from Tromaville! featuring Interviews with Lloyd Kaufman
Debbie Rochon Ron Jeremy Roger Corman Mark Torgl Gary Schneider
Robert Prichard Dan Snow Bill Weeden Patricia Kaufman Trent Haaga
Will Keenan Caleb Emerson Jason Yachanin John Karyus
Zac Amico Mike Baez Vito Trigo Joe Dipietro Gregory Lamberson
original score by James Jagow produced, directed and edited by Adrian Esposito

LET'S GO MAKE SOME ART!



# Documentary Feature Directed by Adrian Esposito Produced by Kristina Nomeika Contact: espocinema@rochester.rr.com

### **LOGLINE**

*Greetings from Tromaville!* follows the history of Lloyd Kaufman and Troma Entertainment, an independent film company that has produced edgy, bold, humorous, and sometimes "over the top" films for more than 40 years.



Troma Entertainment co-founder Lloyd Kaufman talks with a horror convention fan



Iconic director and producer of independent film
Roger Corman



Frequent Troma actor Ron Jeremy

#### **SYNOPSIS**

*Greetings from Tromaville!* follows the life and work of independent film champion, Lloyd Kaufman, and the history of Troma Entertainment. Lloyd, along with his partner Michael Herz, founded Troma in 1974. Troma is an independent film company that has produced edgy, bold, humorous, and sometimes "over the top" films for more than 40 years.

Troma's films make a strong statement about visual art and its psychological effect on viewers. Troma films now have a world wide fan base and cult following. In fact, upon the announcement of the production of a Troma film, fans travel from all over the world just for the experience of being in a Troma production. Many come at their own cost and work in challenging circumstances.

Independent films like Troma's, with innovative and shocking content, ultimately contributed to a change in Hollywood films, which followed Troma's lead in presenting more graphic visuals. But behind their facade of sex and violence are often topical or political themes that even today Hollywood films won't touch.

The documentary features interviews with "B" movie legends Roger Corman, Debbie Rochon, and Ron Jeremy, as well as actors Mark Torgl, Dan Snow, Robert Prichard, Gary Schneider, Bill Weeden, Will Keenan, Trent Haaga, Caleb Emerson, Jason Yachanin, John Karyus, Zac Amico, Mike Baez, and Vito Trigo. Also featured are Lloyd Kaufman's wife and former NYS film commissioner Patricia Kaufman, Broadway playwright Joe DiPietro (writer of *The Toxic Avenger Musical*), filmmaker Gregory Lamberson (*Slime City, Killer Rack*), and Lloyd Kaufman himself.



Lloyd Kaufman with director Adrian Esposito and giant head of The Toxic Avenger

#### **ABOUT THE DIRECTOR**

Not yet thirty, director Adrian Esposito has already made eight films. Adrian and his works have gained national and international recognition. In 2015, Adrian received the NYSARC Self Advocate of the Year Award, and he was honored with the NCE Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016. He was chosen "Filmmaker of the Year" at the 2017 Buffalo Dreams Fantastic Film Festival where his film, *Diffability Hollywood*, won Best Documentary Feature. The Buffalo Niagara Film Festival awarded his film *We Can Shine: From Institutions to Independence* Best Documentary and two of his films have also won the Los Angeles Red Nation Film Festival Courage Award.

Adrian is a spokesperson for self-advocates, helping the world accept people with disabilities as capable and thus seeing their disabilities as "diffabilities". As a filmmaker with autism, this topic is close Adrian's heart.

Adrian is a long time Troma fan. He made *Greetings from Tromaville!* to showcase Lloyd Kaufman's contributions to the art and business of filmmaking. Lloyd has become a hero to young filmmakers worldwide. His credo of "make your own damn movie" emphasizes that nothing is impossible and anyone can make their voice heard through cinema. Adrian's evolving work may prove to be more edgy and even shocking to some, however it demonstrates that he is growing and maturing as an artist.

## **LINKS**

Trailer <a href="https://youtu.be/KxqCFzqAPCI">https://youtu.be/KxqCFzqAPCI</a>

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