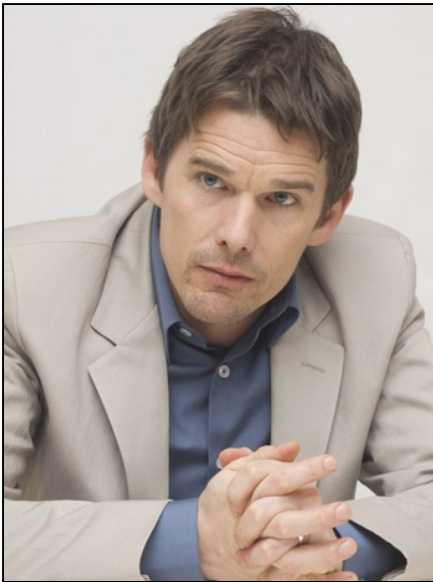


Ethan Hawke Signs on for Scott Derrickson's Horror-Thriller

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"Insidious" and "Paranormal Activity's" Jason Blum is producing the genre pic.



Ethan Hawke has signed on to star in Scott Derrickson's untitled horror-thriller pic, from Insidious and Paranormal Activity producer Jason Blum.

Blum's Blumhouse/Possessed Pictures is producing the genre film with Brian Kavanaugh-Jones' Automatik Entertainment, a joint venture of Alliance Films and IM Global. Charles Layton is executive producing.

Derrickson (The Exorcism of Emily Rose) begins shooting the micro-budgeted horror-thriller on Sept. 19 from a script he co-wrote with C. Robert Cargill. The logline is being kept under tight wraps.

Most recently, Hawke wrapped production on a television adaptation of Moby Dick, starring opposite William Hurt in the role of first officer Starbuck. The two-part Encore telepic premieres on Aug. 1.

The actor's other upcoming projects include Pawel Pawlikowski's The Woman in the Fifth. Hawke stars opposite Kristin Scott Thomas as a college lecturer who flees to Paris after a scandal costs him his job.

Hawke also makes a cameo appearance in Len Wiseman's remake of Total Recall, starring opposite Colin Farrell and Bryan Cranston.

Derrickson co-wrote and directed *The Exorcism of Emily Rose*, a sleeper hit that grossed more than \$140 million worldwide. His other credits include the recent remake of *The Day the Earth Stood Still*.

He's also set to direct *Goliath* for Relativity Media.

Blum's Blumhouse Prods. recently signed a three-year first-look deal with Universal Pictures. Blum is among only a few Hollywood producers who have succeeded in making low-budget films that have also worked at the box office.