

'The Carpenter' weaves MMA, heavy metal, and Jesus into inspiring film

Highly-anticipated new movie explores Nazareth in 29 A.D. with music, elaborate fight scenes, and inspiring storylines

DALLAS, TX, UNITED STATES, October 9, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- "The Carpenter," one of the season's most anticipated and unique independent films, will shatter genre stereotypes when it releases in theaters nationwide on Nov. 1. The story features a champion MMA-style prizefighter whose life is deeply impacted when he is befriended by a benevolent Carpenter from Nazareth.

Co-written by and starring Kameron Krebs and directed and co-written by award-winning filmmaker Garrett Batty ("The Saratov Approach" and "Faith of Angels"), "The Carpenter" has also

announced exclusive premieres in San Diego, California; Salt Lake City, Utah; Houston and Dallas, Texas; and Atlanta, Georgia.

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The Carpenter was shot in Cape Town, South Africa, and showcases more than 200 extras for its extensive MMA and parkour action scenes.”

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“Almost a decade ago, my dad and I were building a shed when we came up with the idea for the film,” Krebs said. “We were talking about how much perfection goes into the craft, and we ultimately began discussing what a perfect occupation carpentry was for Jesus. That made us wonder what it would be like to work under his tutelage as an apprentice, and from there, the film was born.” Krebs’ father, Kenny, co-wrote the screenplay and the film was produced by the Krebs family.

The film follows Oren, an adopted orphan whose journey as a paid fighter takes him to the city of Nazareth in Galilee. There, he is befriended by Yeshua, a carpenter who mentors him by sharing both his craft and his wisdom.

“I fell in love with the premise right away, asking the question so many of us have asked,” Batty said. “What was Jesus’ life like in the years leading up to His ministry? We spent a lot of time imagining him during those early adult years before his recorded ministry officially began. It became clear that we should depict Jesus as a caring, good-humored, likable and wise older brother. Add in the action, soundtrack and the Krebs family’s inspired vision, and you have a film unlike anything I’ve ever had the joy of working on.”

The vehicle for the story is Oren’s quest as a professional mixed martial artist. The sport’s origins pre-date the seventh century B.C., and a subculture of this style of fighting—and the wagering that accompanied—was not uncommon in the region during that time. To portray all hand combat scenes most accurately, filmmakers brought several professional fighters on for choreography, stunts and fight sequences. Notable professional fighters involved in production include:

-Daz Crawford (Sharar) — former heavyweight boxer once ranked fourth in the UK and UK Gladiator “Diesel”

-Brendon Groenewald (stunt coordinator and Nazareth Referee) — retired Extreme Fighting



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Championship fighter

-Gideon Drotschie (Cana Fighter) — retired Extreme Fighting Championship fighter

-Matt Esóf (Mattai) –taekwondo fourth dan black belt known for roles in "Tomb Raider," "Resident Evil - The Final Chapter," "Maze Runner: Death Cure," "Troy: The Fall of a City" and "Escape Room"

In an unusual twist for a film set to a Biblical backdrop, "The Carpenter" turned to a soundtrack of contemporary heavy metal music. Its setlist includes hits from Godsmack, Drowning Pool and Motley Crue, among others, further juxtaposing the intense combat sequences with Oren's peaceful encounters with Yeshua during his apprenticeship.

"The Carpenter" will premiere in these cities across the U.S. between Oct. 10-30 before opening nationwide on Nov. 1. Tickets may be purchased at carpentermovie.com

San Diego: Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. PDT
Regal Edwards Mira Mesa
10733 Westview Parkway
San Diego, CA 92126

Atlanta: Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. EDT
Regal Atlantic Station
261 19th Street NW, #1250
Atlanta, GA 30363

Salt Lake City: Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. MDT
Megaplex Theatres Thanksgiving Point
2935 N. Thanksgiving Way
Lehi, UT 84043

Houston: Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. CDT
Cinemark Missouri City
10343 Highway 6
Missouri City, TX 77459

Dallas: Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. CDT
Cinemark West Plano
3800 Dallas Pkwy.
Plano, TX 75093

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