

Breaking Movie News October 27, 2015

Breaking News! – Wyrmwod and Starting From Now news!



Lesbians and zombie fans, pay attention. I mean, *really*, pay attention. We have some deliciously awesome news on several fronts to discuss! As you may know, we've been covering news on two local Aussie fronts over the last six months or so, particularly involving the lesbian-themed web series *Starting From Now*, and the zombie-apocalypse film *Wyrmwod: Road Of The Dead*, which has become a monster cult-hit since it debuted last year (and was conspicuously one of the most pirated films in the world at one point). So, if you're a fan of either (or both, for that matter) I suggest you click the button marked "continue reading" down below and continue reading!



Starting From Now!

If you're unaware about this Aussie made web series, but love a good drama about people without the burden of cliches or preconceived ideas about characters, can I suggest you check out *Starting From Now!*, which has currently three seasons online to watch from [their website](#). SFN centers around four women – Darcy (Rosie Lourde), Steph (Sarah de Possesse), Kristen (Lauren Orrell) and Emily (Bianca Bradey) – who live in inner-city Sydney, and who become involved romantically throughout this series. Raw, uncompromising, and told with truth, *Starting From Now* is one of those series that creeps under your skin and stays there; compelling characters, terrific writing, and some touching performances make this series a "must watch" on my rotation of viewing.

The problem is, there's only been three seasons made (6 episodes per season, approximately 10 minutes per ep, so catching up will take around 3 hours or so) and the team, led by series creator and director Julie Kalceff, have just commenced shooting a new season (filming commenced October 19th), set to screen in 2016. Well, that's a small fib: Kalceff and her team are shooting season 4 and 5 *back-to-back*, Peter Jackson style!



Julia Billington, pictured here on set with Lauren Orrell, will appear in the next seasons of *Starting From Now*.

In following the team's Facebook and Twitter feeds, some hints about the next few seasons have come to light. First the guest cast is starting to come together. Aussie actress Julia Billington is involved, as is popular Aussie television presenter, raconteur and all-round awesome lady Gretel Killeen, who was spotted on set with Rosie Lourde and Lauren Orrell during week 1 of filming. Although plot details are pretty scarce (in fact, there's nothing I can find to even give a glimpse into what's in store for the women in the upcoming seasons), there's a fair chance we'll find Billington as a new love interest for shattered Kristen (she was devastated at Darcy's dumping/betrayal in Seasons 2 and 3, becoming quite self destructive) and hopefully some resolution to Darcy's hate-hate relationship with her mother (although that's just speculation on my part). Anyway, some sweet pics from filming can be found at the [official SFN Facebook page](#) here.

Exactly what Gretel Killeen is doing in the series, we're not privy to – but based purely on one image I saw during the week, she's either Darcy's publisher (Darcy is a writer, who spends her day drinking around the apartment trying hard to overcome the worlds greatest bout of writer's block) or Kristen's new boss (given that Kristen told her last boss to go f@ck himself, she kinda needs employment right now) but I'm not sure what that might be.



Rosie Lourde (L), Gretel Killeen (C) and Lauren Orrell (rear, drinking a glass of M&M's) on the set of *Starting From Now*.

Then there's this pic (below) from today (as of writing), which sees Sarah de Possesse on set with Bianca Bradey (image taken from Sarah de Possesse's Instagram account – yeah, I'm a stalker!) in a rather jovial mood. If you know the series, you'll know Steph and Emily weren't exactly on speaking terms when we last saw them; it's hugely likely that this is simply a shot captured between takes, because I can't imagine either would be sitting grinning at each other in character, but I hope the outcome of their conversation is a little better than their *last* one.



Personally, I'm so happy to see filming occurring, it's gonna be an interminable wait until 2016 when the next season premieres. Gah! So long! I'll console myself with going to see *Star Wars*, though, so I suspect I'll be fine.