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Acclaimed UK teen horror set for worldwide Vodo release

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Film fans across the globe will be able to watch new teen horror feature *Rising Tide* and buy exclusive merchandise after a deal was agreed to release the film on VOD platform Vodo on 24 April.

Trapped by the sweeping tide, deadly secrets and ghosts of the past on North East England’s mythical Holy Island, ***Rising Tide*** is the sinister story of friendship, loss and revenge of a group of college leavers embarking on a final camping adventure.

Rising indie rockers ***Let’s Buy Happiness*** and internationally renowned musician **Kathryn Tickell** add a foreboding soundtrack as the storm clouds gather over the Northumbrian coast and the young friends realise that they are held prisoners on this beautifully bleak island.

Produced and directed by feature debut duo **Philip Shotton** and **Dawn Furness**, ***Rising Tide*** is a distinctive, experimental new feature film made for viewers who are fed up with the same old cinema experience and demand something different.

Devoid of Hollywood clichés and featuring a script developed by the cast through workshops and improvisation, ***Rising Tide*** is one of the first UK feature films to sign up to **Vodo** – the revolutionary alternative distribution platform and brainchild of ***Steal This Film*** creator **Jamie King**.

Independent film fans will be able to watch ***Rising Tide*** legally and free-of-charge. They will also have the opportunity to buy exclusive content, merchandise and ***Rising Tide*** related experiences from as little as \$5. Contributors will also gain credit for helping to deliver ***Rising Tide 2***, which is currently in post production.

Rising Tide on VODO: www.vodo.net/risingtide

Rising Tide’s innovative and entertaining film experience has gained plaudits from a range of celebrity supporters, including **Harry Potter** actor **Timothy Spall OBE** and legendary producer **Lord David Puttnam** (***Chariots of Fire***, ***Midnight Express***).

“Rising Tide is hugely atmospheric, stylish, intriguing and chilling rite-of-passage horror movie. It’s a superb ensemble piece played by a cast of young talented actors,” said Spall.

Puttnam praised the film for its on-screen depiction of teenage life in the UK: “This film offered me a better understanding of British 18 year olds than I’d gained from anything else I’d seen in a long time,” he said.

Co-producer and director Philip Shotton explains the reasons for attempting this ambitious low budget project: “We made Rising Tide in a leap of faith. We shot on location in a week on two cameras with seven crew and 11 cast, all between the ages of 16 and 19.

“Needless to say take it took a year to edit. It was an experiment to see if digital technology could enable us to produce and release an entertaining, cinematic, high quality movie to a worldwide audience - with virtually no budget. We were all broke at the time (and still are!) but remain excited by the opportunity to be involved with a project that pushes the boundaries of low budget filmmaking and alternative distribution.”

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Rising Tide website: www.risingtidethemovie.com

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