



**DIRECTOR JIM MICKLE JOINS
NICK DAMICI, CONNOR PAOLO, KELLY MCGILLIS,
SEAN NELSON AND MICHAEL CERVERIS
AS THEY PROMOTE THEIR STARRING ROLES
IN IFC MIDNIGHT and DARK SKY FILMS'
HORROR SUSPENSE TALE
STAKE LAND
WITH A MEMORABILIA DONATION AT
PLANET HOLLYWOOD TIMES SQUARE
~ TUESDAY, APRIL 12TH AT 1:00 PM ~**



WHO: **JIM MICKLE** - - a graduate of NYU's film program, *Stake Land* is Jim Mickle's second feature. *Stake Land* premiered at the 2010 Toronto Film Festival and received the Midnight Madness Audience Award. *Mulberry Street*, Mickle's feature directorial debut from 2008, earned critical acclaim in festivals and among horror aficionados all over the world. *Stake Land* continues his exploration of the darker aspects of American culture by re-imagining traditional elements of horror.

***Stake Land* Cast Members:**

NICK DAMICI - - character actor Damici, made one of his first major onscreen impressions among audiences as the profane Detective Richard Rodriguez in Jane Campion's cerebral psycho-sexual thriller *In the Cut*. **In addition to his starring role, Damici is also the co-writer of *Stake Land*.**

CONNOR PAOLO - - a native New Yorker, Paolo is best known for his starring role as 'Eric van der Woodsen' on the hit CW series *Gossip Girl*.

KELLY MCGILLIS - - nominated for a Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actress in the motion picture film *Witness*, McGillis is also a household name for her starring roles in *Top Gun* opposite Tom Cruise and *The Accused* opposite Jodie Foster.

SEAN NELSON - - a Bronx, NY native Nelson made a name for himself with his standout performance in the movie *Fresh*. He later held his own against big screen heavyweights Dustin Hoffman and Dennis Franz as 'Bobby' in Michael Corrente's film adaptation of David Mamet's *American Buffalo* and received rave reviews for his work in *The Wood* opposite Omar Epps.

MICHAEL CERVERIS - - best known for his role as 'The Observer' in the FOX science fiction television series *Fringe*, Cerveris has performed in many stage musicals and plays, including in several Stephen Sondheim musicals: *Assassins*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Road Show*, and *Passion*. He won the Tony Award as Best Featured Actor in a Musical for *Assassins*.

WHAT: **Jim Mickle, Nick Damici, Connor Paolo, Kelly McGillis, Sean Nelson and Michael Cerveris** will be at **Planet Hollywood Times Square** to promote *Stake Land* with a memorabilia donation ceremony in the restaurant's main dining room.

Stake Land - - America is a lost nation. When an epidemic of vampirism strikes, humans find themselves on the run from vicious, feral beasts. When his family is slaughtered, young Martin (Connor Paolo) is taken under the wing of a grizzled, wayward hunter (Nick Damici) whose new prey are the undead. Simply known as Mister, the vampire stalker takes Martin on a journey through the locked-down towns of America's heartland, searching for a better place while taking down any bloodsuckers that cross their path. Along the way they recruit fellow travellers, including a nun (Kelly McGillis) who is caught in a crisis of faith when her followers turn into ravenous beasts. This ragtag family unit cautiously moves north, avoiding major thoroughfares that have been seized by The Brethren, a fundamentalist militia headed by Jebediah Loven (Tony award-winning actor Michael Cerveris) that interprets the plague as the Lord's work. Drawing on the post-apocalyptic frenzy described by Richard Matheson (author of the novel *I Am Legend*) and George Romero, *Stake Land* is a road movie with fangs. ***Stake Land opens in theaters on Friday, April 22nd.***

WHERE: Planet Hollywood Times Square - - 1540 Broadway (corner of 45th Street)

WHEN: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 1:00 pm - - **Your Coverage Is Requested At 12:45 pm**

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