Podtalk: Director Jennifer Reeder Wields ‘Knives and Skin’

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CHICAGO – TONIGHT (12/13/19) is the Chicago release date of writer/director Jennifer Reeder’s “Knives and Skin,” a noir mystery that contains more than what’s on the surface. The historic Music Box Theatre is the locale (7:15pm), and there will be numerous opportunities to see Reeder in person (click the link below).



Jennifer Reeder on the 55th Chicago International Film Festival Red Carpet
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“Knives and Skin” is a mystical Twin Peaks-ian teen noir, telling the story of the disappearance of a high school student, which points toward dark forces at work in a sleepy Illinois town. Although friends, neighbors, and family search for Carolyn Harper, the case remains unsolved. Unmoored and adrift, the rural community – from the mother of the missing girl to her fellow choir members – tries to soldier on. Surreal, sly, and shocking, Jennifer Reeder’s coming-of-age tale has a intuitive feminist heart.

Jennifer Reed directs her first feature film from her own script, after her major directorial feature debut in “Signature Move,” which combined romance and wrestling. Along the journey she has over a dozen short films, many of them major festival award winners. She matriculated from The Ohio State University and got her Masters of Fine Arts from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.



Scene from ’Knives and Skin,’ directed by Jennifer Reeder
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In PART ONE of a Podtalk with Patrick McDonald of HollywoodChicago.com, writer/director Jennifer Reeder talks theme, symbolism and intent in “Knives and Skin.”

In PART TWO the director speaks of show biz as “high school with money” and the influencer future of film as an art form.

Jennifer Reeder also spoke to HollywoodChicago.com on the Red Carpet at the 55th Chicago International Film Festival. To access, click here. [20]

”Knives and Skin” opens in Chicago on December 13th. part of a nationwide release, at the Music Box Theatre, 3733 North Southport, Chicago. See local listings for other theaters and show times, plus VOD dates in December 2019. Featuring click here [21] for cast list. Written and directed by Jennifer Reeder. Rated “R” Ms. Reeder and cast/crew will make appearances on behalf of the film throughout its run. Click here [22] for specific showtimes.


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