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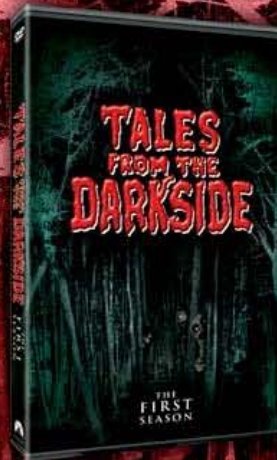
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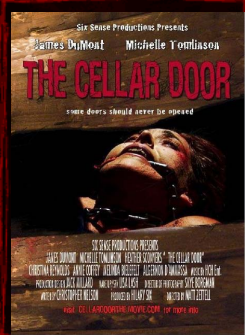
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## THE CELLAR DOOR



Reviewed by: [Andre Manseau](#)

Directed by: Matt Zettell

Starring:

James Dumont  
Michelle Tomlinson

Movie:

DVD:

Overall:

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### WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

Continuing in the vein of popular torture horror, this one is about a girl named Rudy. Rudy wakes up one day and she's stuck in a sicko's torture chamber. See, Rudy is a collector who collects body parts while in search of the 'perfect woman'. Can she escape? Will you be able to eat snacks while watching this movie!?

### IS IT A GOOD MOVIE?

Well, I'll preface this film by saying it's a success. It sets out to bother you, it sets out to be realistic, and it sets out to just be overly nasty- it succeeds on each front. While this one isn't exactly dialogue heavy, although it's character driven to say the least. The characters speak a lot through their body language, as most of the film is an exercise in human survival and Rudy is trapped with nothing but her wits.

I really liked James Dumont's portrayal of Herman, the psychotic serial killer next door. The guy looks harmless, and plays the part flawlessly, bringing twisted realism to a skewed individual. I also really enjoyed the fact that people give up trying to find Rudy after awhile and she plunges further into the throes of despair, with no chance of survival. Seriously, there are only two main parts in this film and they had to be great- we got lucky here folks.

These bad boys relies a lot on visuals and believe me, they work quite effectively. I think you'll find that this one delivers, which is not to see that the dialogue is terrible- it's quite good when necessary. If I had to pick nits (and I do), I'd say that the only weak points in this one are the editing (which really seems a bit choppy), and the sound design which really is quite low budget.

With that being said though, this is one tense film that will leave you at the end of your seat; I bet you'll be right there with Rudy as she suffers.

### VIDEO / AUDIO.

Video is presented in 1.33:1 widescreen and looks as clean as it can, although this is a low budget feature so the quality isn't all that good to begin with.

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Audio comes in Dolby 5.1 and sounds less than stellar, as mentioned above.

### THE EXTRAS

### LAST CALL

As I mentioned, I really liked The Cellar Door, although it wasn't anything really new, it was done well. It's a tense, well acted film and definitely worth watching, considering its low budget.

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I'M DRUNK LIKE A SAILOR ON LEAVE!  
 DARN GOOD BUZZ!  
 SOMEBODY WATERED MY DRINK!  
 WHAT IS THIS PISS?

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1. PUT 2 ICE CUBES IN A GLASS
2. POUR JD IN GLASS 2 INCHES FROM THE RIM\*
3. ADD 5 GOOD DROPS OF PEPSI
4. GET DRUNK YA F\*CK

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