



# Filmmaker premieres two movies at Basketball Hall of Fame

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Filmmaker Geno McGahee (left) is shown with actor Eric Michaelian.

It was a year ago that Geno McGahee of XPosse Productions premiered his "A Christmas Invitation" at the Basketball Hall of Fame Naismith Memorial Complex in Springfield.

The movie itself had nothing to do with hoops, but no matter, it was a good venue for a cinema debut.

McGahee is back again, and this time he was introducing two movies in one night. As "A Christmas Invitation" was a departure from his usual style of deep horror, so would the double bill go off in different directions.

"A Christmas Invitation" played on a genre of movie typified by the Hallmark Channel, without the unrestrained sentimentality. The movies shown in Springfield on Saturday were of older categories that our impresario had not touched previously.

The first, "Fatal Justice", is the story of Dennis, played by Eric Michaelian, an accused killer who is released from prison due to police misconduct. A young college girl was murdered, but it's not over.

The grieving family is upset with the travesty of justice and realizes that there is no reasonable possibility of righting the wrong.

However, one member of the family, the hot-headed young kid, played by Shane Ryan-Reid captures Dennis and brings him home to the consternation of the family.

Still, what can they do? They believe Dennis guilty, but as he has been found innocent in court, what recourse do they have?

"The family of the victim comes face to face with Dennis and holds their own trial to decide his fate. When the system fails, family justice is the only way and FATAL JUSTICE will be executed."

There is a reason why McGahee wanted to make this movie. His favorite film is "Twelve Angry Men".

"Twelve Angry Men" has tugged at the heart strings of many for decades, and has been done in several versions, including the most famous, as well as a number of foreign language incarnations.

"Fatal Justice" is a courtroom drama, but not in a courtroom.

After the trial, will the real villain be revealed? Maybe, but with a twist.

The second film shown was "Deadly Western".

For McGahee, this is definitely going off on a tangent, as he is not at all a fan of Westerns and swore never to wear a cowboy hat. Nevertheless, the deed was



The cast of "Fatal Justice".

done.

"Deadly Western", filmed against a backdrop that appears to be a western ghost town, is where science fiction meets the horse opera.

Eric Michaelian plays Clark, a rather befuddled lawman who wakes up with no memory of who he is or why he is in the town, but struggles to find all that out, with little success.

No matter, he is going to give it the old college try.

His wife, Beth, played by Lorrie Bacon, comes back to town with her brother, the wise-guy Elias, played by Chris Spinelli. With those two and a few others, he is going to have to defend the town against the desperados out to take it over.

The defenders do not appear to be an awe-inspiring militia, yet they go into battle.

Though the evildoers are routed, the triumph can only be described as pyrrhic.

But, it's not over and it all ends with a surrealistic twist.

The two movies screened on Saturday share something else that is also a departure for McGahee in that they were not made locally.

McGahee and company would leave Massachusetts to go out west to Hollywood to make the two films.

If you follow McGahee, you realize that he has several people he relies on to make and crew his movies. Well, that



Actors Chris Spinelli, Lorrie Bacon and Eric Michaelian share a heated moment in "Deadly Western".

repertoire company went with him to California.

This was done at the suggestion of Gregory Hatanaka, who owns Cinema Epoch, the distributor of McGahee's movies. Hatanaka flew McGahee and his team out to the West Coast to make the films.

The results were viewed by an enthusiastic audience at the Hall of Fame, but if you are a McGahee fan and missed the premieres, don't fret. Both features are available on the Tubi streaming channel.

Many of McGahee's other, more

classic horror movies are also on Tubi and other streaming services.

His latest, "Scary Tales: Dead Zone", has just been released on Tubi as well. We should note, those of you who are in fear that McGahee has abandoned New England, "Scary Tales: Dead Zone" was locally made.

It has appeared in time for Halloween.

It was a good evening at the Hall of Fame and the fans left wondering what Geno McGahee will be showing there next.

Maybe a comedy?



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Chris Spinelli, Brent Northup and Geno McGahee are shown at the double feature premiere.

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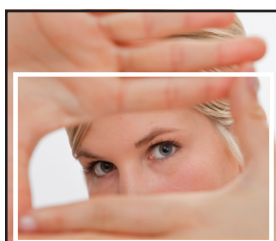
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