

## 20th Digital Studio's "Bite Size Halloween" Shorts Expanding To Feature-Length Horror Slate At Hulu

### Anna Zlokovic's Short *APPENDAGE* Now Playing at Sundance and Set to Begin Production on Feature-Length Version in 2022

The partnership between 20th Digital Studio and Hulu is set to include nine horror features over the next few years. The films will expand directly on the shorts from the "BITE SIZE HALLOWEEN" collection, featuring previous writers or directors, or inspired by past shorts. The films deal with topical social issues such as mental health, ecological collapse, reproductive rights, interracial adoption and online hysteria.

Horror short film *APPENDAGE* by writer/director Anna Zlokovic and starring Rachel Sennott (*SHIVA BABY*) and Eric Roberts, now playing at the Sundance Film Festival, will expand to a Hulu Original feature film with 20th Digital Studio as part of the nine-film slate currently in development.

The first confirmed titles of the horror film collection include:

*APPENDAGE* is the story of a young fashion designer whose anxiety physically manifests. The film opened season two of 20th Digital Studio's "BITE SIZE HALLOWEEN" on Hulu, a short film series that ranges from horror comedy to psychological thrillers and everything in between. Zlokovic has signed to write and direct the feature film version and casting is underway.

*GRIMCUTTY*, written and directed by John William Ross, is a teen tech horror thriller, shot outside Los Angeles in fall 2021 and now in post-production. The film stars Shannyn Sossamon (*WAYWARD PINES*, *SLEEPY HOLLOW*), Usman Ally (*A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS*, *VEEP*), Alona Tal (*SEAL TEAM*), and newcomer Sara Wolfkind.

*WORMEATER*, a rural British family trauma body horror from writer/director Ben Steiner, recently completed filming in the UK with stars Kate Dickie (*GAME OF THRONES*, *THE GREEN KNIGHT*) and Jemima Rooper (*THE GIRLFRIEND EXPERIENCE*, upcoming *FLOWERS IN THE ATTIC: THE ORIGIN*). The film is a thematic successor to Steiner's 2018 20th Digital short *URN*.

*THE HUG*, will expand on the story of the animatronic "Pandory the Panda" who terrorized children in his Pizza Palace in a viral 2018 short from 20th Digital. The original creators, writing/directing team Jack & Justin (Bishop and Nijm, respectively) have signed on.

*CLOCK* by writer/director Alexis Jacknow and inspired by the "BITE SIZE HALLOWEEN" 2020 short of the same title will follow a woman's desperate attempt to fix her broken biological clock.

Additional scripts from "BITE SIZE HALLOWEEN" filmmakers are currently in development and will be announced at a later date.

### **ABOUT:**

**20th Digital Studio** focuses on funding and producing award-winning short form genre content together with up-and-coming filmmakers from the digital and film festival worlds. *20th Digital* develops select shorts into longer form content, packaging new voices with established producers and offering opportunities for growth and representation; always with a goal to create innovative character narrative, voice-driven filmmaking with a social message, cultural impact and box-office success. Set up in 2008 as a nimble entrepreneurial group within Fox Filmed Entertainment, 20th Digital is now a part of Disney General Entertainment Content. For more information visit: <https://www.20thdigitalstudio.com/> or follow us: @20thDigital on Instagram & Twitter, or <facebook.com/20thdigitalstudio>.

**Hulu** is the leading premium streaming service offering live and on-demand TV and movies, with and without commercials, both in and outside the home. As part of Disney's Media and Entertainment Distribution segment, Hulu is the only service that gives viewers access to current shows from every major U.S. broadcast network; libraries of hit TV series and films; and acclaimed Hulu Originals including Emmy® and Golden Globe Award-winning series *The Handmaid's Tale* and *The Act*, Golden Globe Award-winning, Emmy® Award nominated and Peabody-winning series *Ramy*; and Emmy® Award nominated series *Pen15*, *Shrill*, and *Wu-Tang: An American Saga*, alongside hit series *Only Murders in the Building*, *Nine Perfect Strangers*, *The Great*, *Little Fires Everywhere*, *Normal People*, and *Solar Opposites*; Oscar® and Emmy® nominated documentary film *Minding the Gap*, Golden Globe-Award winning and Oscar® nominated THE UNITED STATES VS. BILLIE HOLIDAY, and critically acclaimed Hulu Original films VACATION FRIENDS, PALM SPRINGS, RUN and HAPPIEST SEASON. The service also streams live news, entertainment and sports from 20th Television, The Walt Disney Company, NBCUniversal, CBS Corporation, The CW, Turner Networks, A+E Networks and Discovery Networks – available all in one place.

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