

KLEE follows an alien who is sent to earth and tasked with a mission to invade, seduce, and terminate a family of colonizers in 19th century Saskatchewan.

Runtime: 20 Minutes
Language: English
Year: 2025

Starring

seth cardinal dodginghorse as "KLEE"
Hannah Brennen as "Anne"
Gin Fedotov as "Ivan"
Joan Mylymok as "Henrietta"

Writing & Direction
Gavin Baird

Producing
Jacob Farrell
Kyle Zurevinski
Gavin Baird
Kayla Peters

Cinematography
Matthew Ripplinger

Sound
Reid Paraszczynec

Production Design
Tiffany Johnson

Costumes
Laura Crossman
Vada Mae Boyer
Raelynn Olson

Music
Bret Parenteau
respectfulchild

Director Statement

KLEE began as a way for me to explore three different topics that were of interest to me. First, to create a film that speaks on the affects of colonialism on the lands that I am from. I wanted to take these histories and flip them, and create a colonial-revenge tale. Second, to use the period piece aspect of the film as a way to further research and learn about my culture. Lastly, I was interested in subverting audience expectation by presenting them with a horror film that swaps the violence with intimacy. This was to explore what I have noticed with public perception of media, and how there seems to be a very strong reaction to intimacy and nudity on screen, versus a lack of reaction to violence and killing. It was a fun challenge to try and wrap all of these ideas together in the film, while creating a sci-fi body horror project which maintained the strong sense of humour I grew up around.

Director Bio

Gavin Baird is a Metis artist born in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Primarily interested in telling stories set in his homelands, his projects have received funding from imagineNATIVE & Netflix, SK Arts, and Creative Saskatchewan. His work has been screened internationally at a variety of film festivals including TIFF & Festival du Nouveau Cinema

Filmography

Klee - Short Film - 2025
8th Street Menace - Feature Film - 2024
A Storm Blows Over - Feature Film - 2023
The Caring Only Cry at Night - Feature Film - 2021
Begonia - Feature Film - 2019

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