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## ***“ALTERED PERCEPTIONS”***

### ***Competes With 256 of the World’s Best Films of 2023 For Best Picture at 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Academy Awards***

Multi-award-winning *HOLLYWOOD INDEPENDENTS* sci-fi film, “Altered Perceptions,” has shocked, challenged and entertained audiences across the globe.

Premiering at the Cannes Film Festival prior to opening in Los Angeles and New York, the producers and director, JORGE AMEER, are excited to be included in a select group of 256 motion pictures chosen to be contenders for Best Picture in the upcoming 2024 ACADEMY AWARDS.

“Altered Perceptions” contains some of the most shocking and disturbing scenes of any motion picture – including the controversial “Saltburn.” Written by a clinical neuropsychologist, DR. WAYNE DEES, this provocative film, recently won BEST SCIENCE FICTION FILM at the 2023 New York Independent Cinema Awards!

This is the 7th Award for “ALTERED PERCEPTIONS,” having previously won Best Director award at the Marina Del Rey Film Festival – the 32<sup>nd</sup> lifetime award win for director Jorge Ameer, and the Best Original Screenplay Feature Film award at the Silicon Beach Film Festival in Hollywood – the first award for Dr. Wayne Dees

Additional awards for “Altered Perceptions” in 2023 include:

Cult Critic Movie Awards - *Best Cult Cinema Classic*

Culver City Film Festival - *Best Score Feature Film*

International World Photography - *Best Science Fiction Film*

Cinema & Photography Award – *Best Director Feature Film (Fiction)*

“Altered Perceptions” is the first feature film for lead actor, Oran Stainbrook, who was incredibly excited to visit New York for the very first time, and to witness his own image projected on a giant billboard in Times Square prior to the film’s opening at Look Theaters. Oran has now starred in his second feature film, which will be premiering soon.

The producers and director made a concerted effort to include a diverse and multi-talented cast of “Altered Perceptions.” In keeping with themes relevant to today’s political climate as we head into the 2024 state and federal elections, this is a MUST SEE film for all who will soon be headed to the polls to cast their votes in a once-in-a-lifetime election cycle.

“Altered Perceptions” includes an amazing cast of ‘80s actors, including Lance Guest (*The Last Starfighter* – turns 40 this year), Eric Roberts (*Star 80* – also turns 40 this year), William McNamara (*Tracers* – turns 30 this year), Sally Kirkland, and a host of amazing and incredibly talented stars.

“Altered Perceptions” has recently been picked up for North American release by specialty distributor, Ariztical Entertainment, which is known for LGBTQ+ content films. The film will be released on DVD, Blu-ray & Streaming in early spring 2024.

“Altered Perceptions” has proven to be an immersive experience that will leave viewers asking questions about their own perceptions of reality. Here are some of the many comments audience members have posted on social media:

*... Altered Perceptions will knock your socks off...*

*... a journey into madness...*

*... Intense, amusing, shocking, suspenseful, fast paced, thought-provoking...*

*...an apocalyptic dark view of society...*

*... a unique cinematic journey...*

*,,, a thriller you don't want to miss...*

*... nothing is as it appears... when the mind becomes toxic...*

*... will keep you guessing from beginning to end...*

*... this film isn't just entertainment, it's an eye opener...*

*... a stark reminder that sometimes the most compelling stories are the ones that echo the truth...*

*... ambitious and gripping experience...*

Critics around the world have also been raving about “Altered Perceptions.” Here are just a few of the reviews received:

*... it's palpably terrifying.*

*... it's more imaginative and bold than most Hollywood films these days...*

*... an increasingly suspenseful minkfuck that blurs the lines between reality and fiction, while asking the audience to think critically.*

*... It's just as powerful and thought-provoking as some of the classic sci-fi satires “They Live” and “Soylent Green,” with shades of the “Parallax View.”*

*... It's a thought-provoking and visually stunning exploration of mental health set in a post-apocalyptic world.*

*... a unique blend of fantasy and realism...*

*... The visuals of the film are breathtaking. The concepts, and the features make it unique... definitely an eye-catcher.*

*... as prophetic and funny as “Idiocracy,” yet as frightening and dark as “The Handmaid’s Tale.”*

*... a ripped from the headlines dystopian intergalactic supernatural thriller that parallels current events and the state of affairs around a post-pandemic world...*

*... There's no dull moment to be found from start to finish. “Altered Perceptions” is spellbinding.*

*...It's one of the most provocative sci-fi thrillers since “Donnie Darko. It deserves to become a cult classic. Prepare to have your mind blown...*

*... Jorge Ameer's most shocking magnum opus horror, sci-fi fantasy... easily his (Jorge Ameer's) best production to date.*

*... sports some of the best editing and sound mixing of any film this year.*

*... terrific, crisp editing and cinematography that creates a visceral cinematic experience... it is director Ameer's most ambitious and provocative film to date.*

*... timely, sexy, sci-fi mind-bender featuring a strong cast*

*... the leads are exceptional, the sound design is immaculate, and the narrative is creative and original.*

*... screenplay by Dr. Wayne Dees combines political thriller, satire, sci-fi, horror and mystery in a way that's audacious, enthralling, and gripping.*

*... (Jorge Ameer) brings Wayne Dees' script marvelously infused with a loving gay couple, dutiful son, corrupt US Senator, biological warfare, a countrywide insurrection, that really does make January 6 look like the "tourists just visiting," with a dose of white supremacy...*

Official Film Website: [www.alteredperceptionsmovie.com](http://www.alteredperceptionsmovie.com)

**Logline:** In a post-pandemic world, with the country devastatingly divided both politically and socially, and the United States on the brink of possible Civil War, things begin to further deteriorate when the perceptions of many seemingly "normal people" begin to change dramatically, causing alterations in reality and behaviors that cannot be explained medically – perceptions so deadly and bizarre that modern science cannot begin to explain it.

**Synopsis:** When suicides, homicides and mass murders begin to increase at an alarming rate, Dr. Joseph Feretti, a renowned neurologist, and his team begin to unravel what appears to be the root of these behaviors – rapid aging of the brain which looks like dementia, which is spreading worldwide.

Those on the conservative fringe claim the disease is affecting only LGBTQ+ and African Americans who have been vaccinated against COVID-19. This misinformation quickly becomes a hot political issue, with individuals being rounded up, quarantined and exterminated. With political division at its worst, and our democracy collapsing, a man claiming to be from the future may be the key to helping us save ourselves.

We would be thrilled to have you review "Altered Perceptions" prior to the Academy Awards nominations and/or release of the film on DVD/Blue Ray/Streaming. Please contact us to request a link to this phenomenal film. Thanks in advance for your interest and support.

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