

Paranormal Activity 2006

Director: Oren Peli
Writers: Oren Peli

Cast

Katie Featherston: Katie
Micah Sloat: Micah



Plot Synopsis

After moving into a suburban home, a couple becomes increasingly disturbed by a nightly demonic presence.

Trivia

- The actors weren't given scripts but were given guidelines on how to behave or what to discuss in their scenes.
- Filming completed in 10 days.
- Oren Peli shot the entire film with a home digital camera.
- Steven Spielberg had to stop watching the film halfway through on a home screener as he was genuinely spooked by the experience. He completed it in daylight hours the next day and loved it.
- Katie Featherston and Micah Sloat received a reported 500 USD each for their performances. Due to the success of the film, they renegotiated the amount.
- The entire movie was filmed in Oren Peli's own home.
- During the first test screenings, people started leaving the theater. Originally the crew thought this was because the film wasn't going over very well with its audience, only to discover that people left the auditorium because they couldn't handle the intensity of the piece.
- Producer Jason Blum worked at Miramax in the 1990s as a movie distributor, and passed on the opportunity to acquire The Blair Witch Project (1999). A decision he quickly regretted, when the movie became one of the most profitable low-budget movies of all times. The market quickly became saturated with knock-offs made for more money, but without the financial success. When the time was right, Blum produced his own low-budget found-footage film with Paranormal Activity; a decision that paid off, as he was able to found Blumhouse Productions with the profits.