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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Female Action Filmmaker, J.A. Steel, Wins Bronze Medal for Excellence at Park City Music Film Festival for "Denizen"**

*J.A. Steel in Utah until early June 2010, scouting locations for next feature films*

**SALT LAKE CITY, UT.** – On May 26, 2010, J.A. Steel, the award winning female writer and director, received the *Bronze Medal for Excellence* for Best Impact of Music in a Feature Film at the Park City Music Film Festival, for her third feature, "Denizen". "Denizen" is a sci-fi action horror feature, with filming in Utah, Mexico, and Oklahoma; and includes the music of Utah rock band, *The Street*, and musicians Zakky Nova and Janet Mayson. Steel signed a distribution contract for "Denizen" on DVD and video-on-demand during the Sundance film festival in January 2010, and it is currently available on IndieFlix.

While in Utah until early June, Steel is scouting locations for her next productions, including a sci-fi action story set in Salt Lake City and a horror slasher tale taking place near the Great Salt Lake. Steel expects to be able to utilize the vast resources of Utah-based acting talent and production crew for the projects, currently in development.

"Denizen", starring Julie Lisandro (*Cheerleader Massacre*) and Glen Jensen (*Fingerprints*), is about a group of scientists, who have to stop a mysterious creature from attacking a small town. According to B-Movie Man Nic Brown, "Steel combines A-list stunts and special effects with the independent B-Movie genre, to bring a fun and engaging movie experience to sci-fi fans everywhere." The film spans the hemisphere from Muskogee, Oklahoma to Salt Lake City, Utah to Playa del Carmen in Mexico; with the stunts ranging from skydiving to cave diving, something rarely seen in an independent feature, reflecting Steel's real life hobbies of Muay Thai kickboxing, cave diving, motorcycle riding, firearms and edged weapons.

Steel brought back a tough motorcycle riding main character in form of Sierra Deacon as the "Denizen" protagonist. It is Deacon's team, consisting of the highly skilled scientists Dexter Maines (Ben Bayless) and Dallas Murphy (Jody Mullins), which has to support the locals, led by Callie Calhoun (Julie Lisandro), to save their town from the creature, which is killing the residents. After several deaths, a special Army Unit, led by General Jernigan (Glen Jensen), is called in to contain the creature, or if necessary, destroy the town. It is a race against time, to stop the creature and prevent the town from being destroyed.

Steel's second feature, "Salvation" (available on Netflix, Blockbuster and Amazon), was an action supernatural thriller film. "The Third Society" (available on Amazon), her first feature, was action and comedy. She has also directed several short films on video.

Steel is a director, producer, actor, videographer, editor, fight choreographer and stunt person, in addition to writer and composer....and even a distributor...a unique figure in Hollywood, who has not let her gender stand in the way of what she wants to accomplish.

Steel is available for in person or telephone interviews in Salt Lake City until June 5, 2010, before returning to Los Angeles for most of the summer. She has a home in Utah, and prefers the pace and mountain scenery for her screen writing.

**About Tunis Productions, Inc.**

A sister company of Warrior Entertainment, Inc, Tunis Productions is bringing A List action to independent film on a micro budget. <http://www.warriorentertainment.com>

**Recent reviews of "Denizen" and interviews with Steel:**

B-Movie Man: <http://bmovieman.com/Denizen.aspx>

FilmSnobbery: <http://filmsnobbery.com/review/denizen/>

Muskogee Phoenix: <http://muskogee phoenix.com/features/x1687719842/-Denizen-premieres-at-Bare-Bones-Film-Festival>

Fatally Yours: <http://www.fatally-yours.com/interviews/interview-with-filmmaker-j-a-steel/>

**Background information on her career:**

*Director's Reel* - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V3-BqNZxPrk>

*Wikipedia* - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/JA\\_Steel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/JA_Steel)

*IMDB* - <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0003888/>