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**FROM THE MIND OF ACCLAIMED HORROR DIRECTOR
DARREN LYNN BOUSMAN -- A NEW ERA OF FEAR BEGINS IN KANSAS CITY
THIS FALL**

**EXILED: Crooked Rose Woods Brings a New Level of Immersive Entertainment
Beginning Friday, September 13**

KANSAS CITY, MO -- Kansas City's own horror mastermind, Darren Lynn Bousman, has joined forces with one of the city's most bone-chilling haunted houses, EXILED: Trail of Terror, to bring a new level of fear to Kansas City this fall. Together, they are crafting a one-of-a-kind fusion of terror and immersive storytelling -- giving people a living, breathing emotional experience.

Bousman beckons you to step into a realm of terror this fall at EXILED: Crooked Rose Woods, an outdoor haunted house nestled in the sinister shadows of Bonner Springs, Kansas, just 25 minutes west of downtown Kansas City, Missouri. "Those looking for traditional scares, be warned, this insidious event breathes, reacts, and transforms with your every interaction", taunts Bousman.

"I was raised in Kansas City, and every Halloween, my father and I would venture into the West Bottoms. It was there that my fascination with horror and the macabre was born. But as I grew older, I craved something more than the usual shocks and jump-scares. I wanted an experience that would truly terrify me. And now, I'm thrilled to bring that to my hometown," recalls Bousman.

After directing blockbuster hits like *Saw II, III, and IV, Spiral* and the cult favorite *Repo! The Genetic Opera*, Bousman also shifted his focus to immersive, live-action horror. That experience led to the creation of *The Tension Experience* with fellow Kansas City native Clint Sears. This new live venture, touted as "living a personalized horror film," redefined horror entertainment. The success and uniqueness of *The Tension* earned Bousman and his team a high-profile fanbase with the likes of Neil Patrick Harris, for one. "In *Tension*, I was transformed, transfixed, terrified, and turned on. It was unlike anything I've ever experienced," Harris said. Bousman carved a niche in Hollywood, creating larger-than-life theater projects that unnerved everyone attending.

Building on this momentum, Bousman, alongside Morgan Rooms — co-founder of Ill Experience and producer of the upcoming Exiled 2024, is a converted believer in Bousman's vision, and promises that EXILED: Crooked Rose Woods will redefine terror. "Darren shattered my concept of fear with *The Tension Experience*," Rooms said. "What we're bringing to Kansas City is beyond a nightmare; it's a rebirth in terror," he added. Allowing guests to choose their destiny, patrons can choose three different levels of terror.

After Bousman and his family experienced the thrill of EXILED: Trail of Terror in 2023, he reached out to Dan Scott, the company's Managing Partner, with an innovative idea. "After meeting Darren and hearing his ideas, we knew we had to collaborate and bring this unique concept to life," Scott said. Bousman and the EXILED team are keeping their plans under wraps about what haunt-goers can expect, but they offer a tantalizing clue. "This will be unlike any haunt Kansas City has ever seen," ominously warns Bousman. "This experience will be more than just a bunch of scare actors in a corn maze. It will be a living, breathing thing, and it will be too late when you realize what I mean by that."

The spectral gates of EXILED: Crooked Rose Woods will open from Friday, September 13 through November 2. The creators encourage the brave to get involved early via www.ExiledKC.com "The more involved you allow yourself to get in our world, the scarier it will be," Rooms added.

Jen Scott, Managing Partner of EXILED, also issued a chilling message: "The doors open in September, but the haunting begins NOW. Dare to be part of the legend that will haunt Kansas City forever. Prepare to lose yourself in EXILED: Crooked Rose Woods. Survival isn't guaranteed — nor is it the point."

Tickets will range from \$59-150 and go on sale August 20. For more information, visit EXILED online at www.exiledkc.com.

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