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## Goth Murders



As I noted in my last post, for **The Burning**, I said I would do one more review as I was doing the Universal monster reviews. I decided to go ahead and get it done so I could get back to the "regularly scheduled program." A little while back I got an email from someone asking if I would be interested in doing a review of the film they had finished. I had to read the email a couple of times to make sure I was understanding it correctly. I have had

films suggested to me to watch and possibly review but I never had anyone want me to watch and do a review of a film they made before. It was a very nice surprise and I felt honored that I was asked. Since **Under The Raven's Wing** (2007) has not yet been released to dvd (if I'm wrong about this, I'm sure I will be corrected), I don't have a cover picture to add (Update, I have one now!). Even so, you can go to [Under The Raven's Wing](#) to check out the trailer and the web site. Once you have done that, come back here to read the review.

**Under The Raven's Wing** is about a man who is only known as The Director (Coy DeLuca). He is making a movie about Raven (Kimberly Amato), Angel (Kamilla Sofie) and Jessie (Jessica Palette). Raven has given him permission to film them because she wants to spread her philosophy through him. Raven's philosophy is that death is but a transcendence and that it is the greatest gift a person can give to another. Don't dare call it murder in front of Raven. She will quickly correct you and she isn't all that nice about it either.

### About Me

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What started out as a class project has turned into a fun time for me so I have kept up with this blog. I hope you like to read my reviews as much as I love watching the movies. Yes even the bad ones!

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### 5 Star Reviews

Raven likes to control everyone that is in her life and that includes The Director and his film. While Raven has a mean streak in her when it comes to Angel and Jessie, it is also obvious that they all respect and love each other. The Director wants to make a movie about them and the murder they committed. He also has an agenda of his own and soon enough there is a power struggle that leaves The Director fearing for his life.

You will find some effects but they are very light. **Under The Raven's Wing** is more of a character study with a dab of horror overtones to it. Because it is more of a character study, the acting needs to be good and I'm very happy to say that it is better than good. Each of the three actresses nailed their parts. You can give credit to the director/writer Susan Adriensen for giving each of the characters an interesting history. But the history would not have worked without the actresses giving strong performances. I really can't stress enough just how good each of them were in this film. They all made their characters seem very real.

I was a little disappointed that **Under The Raven's Wing** wasn't a horror film as I define them, but, just because a film falls out of my definition doesn't mean I won't like it. Of course I loved the acting. I think I made that point already. Learning about each of the women was also a very nice treat. It really helped me understand them and feel for them. Those two things together really helped keep me interested in the film and wanting to learn more. The only thing I can point out that I didn't like is that the film managed to confuse me at times. This happened more at the start of the film than at any other time. I think if I were to watch it again it would make more sense to me. But my first time watching it, it was a bit confusing. This was just because it jumps from scene to scene. Some are quick scenes while others linger longer. Some of the scenes have dialogue while some don't.

Once **Under The Raven's Wing** gets passed these opening scenes, we get to the meat of the movie. There have been a couple of other movies that I have reviewed that were slightly more of a character study than a horror movie. Those didn't come away with the best scores though. **Under The Raven's Wing** is different since it drew me in and kept me interested. If these are the kind of movies that interest you, you can't go wrong with this film. I was recently told that the film was accepted as part of the [Full Moon Horror Con](#) so check out the site and if you plan to attend make sure you at least check out **Under**

**The Raven's Wing** while you are there! **4 out of 5 Please don't transcend me Raven**

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