

THEY CALLED FOR THE DEAD...  
AND THE DEAD CALLED BACK.



**THEY  
ANSWERED**

# Technical Specifications

Title: "They Answered"

Category: Feature Film

Genera: Supernatural Horror

Production: Pre-Production

Studio: Restless Adams Entertainment

&

LST Studios

Country: United Kingdom

Language: English

## Logline

They called for the dead... and the dead called back

## Synopsis

A group of friends reunite for a night of fun in their old games hall — until their experiments to contact the dead actually work. Now, the spirits they've awakened are angry, and the night becomes a fight to survive what answered their call.

## Extended Synopsis

Robert and Susan arrive at Olivia's house for a night of entertainment—laughter and harmless seances of calling spirits. Susan and Olivia have always believed the dead are close, lingering somewhere beyond, waiting to be heard. Robert plays along, amused by their faith. To him, séances are just another thrill, a performance with no real consequences.

They've tried before. Ouija boards. Calling out into the dark.

Nothing ever answered.

Until now.

This time, they don't just *reach out*—they cross a line. And something finally responds. And what comes through is not a single voice, but many. Screaming. Weeping. Seething. Spirits bound together by violent deaths, trapped in the moment of their suffering, desperate to be seen—and to make the living *understand*.

And lurking among them is something far worse—a malevolent presence that feeds on their fear.

The house becomes a prison; the friends realize the truth too late: the ritual didn't summon the spirits into the house—it locked them all inside together. Sounds are heard. People who are not there, yet are seen in the dark. The dead start to bleed into the living.

Robert's disbelief becomes meaningless. Susan's faith turns into guilt. Olivia begins to understand the horror of what she's invited in.

Escape is the only option. Because if they fail, they won't just be haunted...

They'll become part of what answered the call.

Because some doors don't just open to the other side.

They close behind you.

## Writer's Statement

"They Answered" started as an idea from a short film I did for fun during the covid lockdown. I wanted to expand on it, and I ended up growing it to where it's not just very different from my little film I did during the lockdown, but I kept improving it and rewriting it to the point where it's now a feature film that's completely different and its own entity.

## Writer's Bio



**Madeline McQueen** is a UK-based actress, writer, and director with a background spanning screen, voice, and immersive theatre. She is also a published author, with a multidisciplinary career rooted in both performance and storytelling. Madeline trained at Rose Bruford College, graduating from the Theatre Arts course.

Her creative niche lies primarily within the horror, thriller, and paranormal genres, though she also weaves elements of fantasy and comedy into her work. Madeline's passion for acting naturally expanded into other areas of the entertainment industry, beginning with photography before moving into dancing, and later becoming a salsa teacher—experiences that continue to inform her visual and physical approach to performance and filmmaking.

In 2009, Madeline wrote, directed, and produced her first feature film, *The Hitchhiker's Project*. Since then, she has written multiple film scripts and brought several of them to screen. Her work has gone on to win or place as a finalist and receive recognition at a number of prestigious, well-respected film festivals.

## Cast and Crew

### Cast

Robert .....Richard Harding  
Susan .....Sophia Harding  
Olivia .....Madeline McQueen  
The Drowned Spirit .....Alexandra Ayears  
The Burned Spirit .....Cordelia Harding

### Crew

Writer/Producer .....Madeline McQueen  
Executive Producer .....Phil West  
Director .....Madeline McQueen  
Casting Director .....Madeline McQueen  
Casting Associate .....Richard Harding  
First Assistant Director .....Robert Basset  
Cinematographer .....Robert Basset  
Make-Up Artist .....Alexandra Ayears  
SFX Make-Up Artist .....Alexandra Ayears

Production Companies: Restless Adams Entertainment and LST Studio

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