

## **Film agency launches with Teddy boys' 'Flick'**

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THE first film to be produced with the assistance of the Film Agency for Wales is a collision of Teddy boys, zombies and 1950s kitsch.

This first feature, Flick, will begin production in and around Cardiff in early January.

Directed by Welsh-born writer- director David Howard, Flick will be sold internationally by AV Pictures - the team which took low-budget horror Dog Soldiers and transformed it into a cult favourite.

Flick will be led by Welsh producer, Rik Hall, and veteran producer, Pippa Cross (Shooting Dogs, Vanity Fair).

Mr Howard previously directed several network documentaries.

The Film Agency for Wales will be officially launched tonight at Cineworld, Cardiff, at 6pm.

Charged with taking forward the ambitions of the industry and turning them into reality, the agency will be unveiled as part of the Cardiff Film Festival celebrations.

It will use the night to promote Flick, its first co-financing venture, which has the support of Arts Council of Wales Lottery funds.

Co-financiers include Finance Wales' IP Fund, Cardiff and Caernarfon post-production facility, Derwen, and private equity.

Film Agency for Wales' chief executive, Pauline Burt, said, "The launch of the Film Agency for Wales is an important milestone for the Welsh film industry and for those wishing to play a part in its future.

"Launching at the Cardiff Film Festival is a good fit for us as this event focuses on profiling Wales and its film-making talent, in conjunction with providing a professional industry forum.

"As an agency, we hope over the coming months to play an increasingly important role in nurturing and supporting almost every facet of the film-making process - from development to production, through to exhibition and education - to deliver a dynamic and sustainable film industry in Wales."