



IMTA ALUM ELIJAH WOOD AND *THE LAST WITCH HUNTER*

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The Last Witch Hunter opens nationwide on Friday, October 23

“I find witchcraft to be interesting. It’s something that doesn’t often get explored in cinema or hasn’t been in a while. I think the approach is interesting in that it’s not a horror film and it doesn’t really have horror film elements. It’s more of an action-adventure film, fantasy adventure in a way, and that was something that was kind of intriguing.” – Elijah Wood

It makes perfect sense to release a film about witches right before Halloween. However, the kind of witches faced in *The Last Witch Hunter* aren’t the kind you want showing up on your doorstep trick-or-treating. These witches are vicious, supernatural creatures intent on unleashing the Black Death upon the world...which doesn’t sound like a good thing. Though the all-powerful Queen Witch was slain many years ago by valiant warrior Kaulder, her resurrection once again puts the world in danger and it is up to Kaulder (a.k.a., the Last Witch Hunter) and the Dolans to stop the Queen from unleashing a plague upon humanity.

Vin Diesel stars as *The Last Witch Hunter* alongside IMTA alum Elijah Wood as Dolan 37, the priest tasked with helping Kaulder take down the Queen Witch once and for all. “[Dolan]’s part of a long line of priests that are associated with an organization called The Order of the Axe and Cross, which effectively is an organization...that assists and aids in the process of ridding the world of the blight of dark witchcraft,” explained Wood about his character. “Their function is to have the back of Kaulder who is the witch hunter, of which there were many back in the past and he is the last, as the name implies, the last of his kind.”



“In the film, we meet Dolan the 36th, played by Michael Caine,” Wood continued. “That’s our introduction to this notion of this long priesthood that has been serving [Kaulder] through time, and he retires and I kind of come into the fold as the new guy of the 21st century. Because he comes from the past and he’s not up to technological advancements, I come into that world and that’s how you’re introduced to me and my function.” Rose Leslie and Julie Engelbrecht also star in the movie.



Wood recently filmed *The Trust* with Nicholas Cage in which they play two corrupt cops who are stuck working the evidence room of the Las Vegas police department. When one discovers there is a vault full of drug money sealed in the back of a convenience store, both cops team up to pull a heist. Jerry Lewis and Sky Ferreira also star in the film that is scheduled for release in 2016.

Wood is an active member and supporter of The Art of Elysium, a non-profit organization founded in 1997 that encourages working actors, artists and musicians to voluntarily dedicate their time and talent to children who are battling serious medical conditions.