

Scene from martial arts movie shot in Acton

The town of Acton was given a front row seat to the action, adventure and explosions that went with the filming of the opening scene of Tiger Claws, a new action/martial arts movie from Shapiro Glickenhau that is set to hit the big screen sometime in October.

The opening scene of this movie, which introduces the audience to the main character and producer Jalal Merhi, was filmed at the Beardmore Tannery in Acton, at one time the largest leather tanner in Canada. Director Kelly Makin said the area was very ideal for his needs.

"We were thrilled with the landscape of the area and everyone in town has been very helpful," Mr. Makin said. "It was just a nice location."

Not to give away the entire plot, Tiger Claws is a story of two New York detectives, played by Merhi and Cynthia Rothrock, who must join forces to expose the killer (Bolo Yeung) of a number of martial arts masters. The filming for this movie ended Thursday evening with the shooting of the opening scene in Acton. Filming had begun in Toronto, where most of the movie was shot, in March.

The scene filmed in Acton included a car chase, gun fire, and a huge explosion of a sports car. It took almost the entire day to film this opening scene.

Mr. Makin, who has worked on various projects including the television drama Street Legal and several mini series as well as directing a number of television

commercials, stated he was drawn to the screenplay of Tiger Claws because of his interest in the martial arts and the strong story line by writer Steve Maunder. This is Mr. Makin's first feature film.

"Things have gone well," said Mr. Makin. "We've been under a tight schedule but we've been able to do a lot with the time that we've had."

A freelance writer from Toronto who has prior experience in editing, Mr. Makin was the writer of Bruce Lee's biography.

Publicist for the movie, Duane Arnott, says the film has gone a little over budget but that he is happy with the results so far. He became interested with the idea for this movie because of the impressive screenplay and 'good

name stars' that were associated with it.

Producer and star of Tiger Claws, Jalal Merhi said he was

impressed with the geography of the whole area. According to he and Kelly Makin, it was definitely worth the drive to Acton.



In a scene from the action-packed martial arts movie, Tiger Claws, that was partly filmed at the Beardmore Tannery in Acton, a stuntman races this get-a-way car towards some old barrels which burst

into flames, engulfing the vehicle and leaving the stuntman jolted but uninjured. The movie is set to hit the big screen sometime in October. (Herald photo by Lisa Boonstoppel-Pot)



Director Kelly Makin (left) and associate producer Dale Hildabrend oversee the final work on their latest project - Tiger Claws - an action/martial arts movie by Shapiro Glickenhau that will be released in October. The opening scene of this movie was filmed in Acton Thursday afternoon at the old Beardmore Tannery on Frederick Street. This scene, which included gunfire and a car explosion, ended the filming for the movie which began in early March in Toronto. (Herald photo)

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