

# 12H Knight's new movie a dramatic switch

When Sault Ste. Marie actor Keith Knight said last summer he "really would like to do more serious things", making a gruesome horror film may not have been quite what he had in mind.

Still, you can't deny that My Bloody Valentine, which opened here Thursday, is a dramatic departure from his previous movies.

The 25-year-old Toronto native, who received much of his training and launched his career in the Sault, is probably best known for his portrayal of Larry Finkelstein, the counsellor-in-training in the 1978 camp comedy Meatballs. Since then he's appeared in three more films: Hog Wild, Proper Channels, and the yet-to-be-released Paramount picture, Gas, which portrays the pandemonium caused by an artificial gas shortage in a big city.

The common thread through all these roles is exactly what Mr. Knight expressed a wish to depart from — comedy.

"When Keith phoned us last week to say his new film would be opening across the country, we didn't know what to expect", says his mother Edna, of 238 Eastern Ave.

"They changed the title at the last minute, so we wouldn't even have known it was his movie if he hadn't called."

Acknowledging that horror pictures are not her cup of tea, Mrs. Knight said she was nevertheless pleased at the exposure her son is getting, and felt that many of his friends in the Sault would probably be interested in seeing the show when they learned he was in it.



Keith Knight

"I'm not keen on the horror part of it, but my husband saw the movie and said Keith had an interesting role", she said. "We're hoping this will help him to get some more parts in the future."

Although Keith phones home regularly, Mrs. Knight says it's difficult to keep track of his activities. Like most people in his profession he always seems to "have a lot on the go", and divides his time among films, stage, and advertisements.

The young actor is currently performing in a live theatre show in Toronto, where he attended the national premiere of My Bloody Valentine Thursday evening. His next project, which is slated to start soon, involves appearing in a new cabaret.