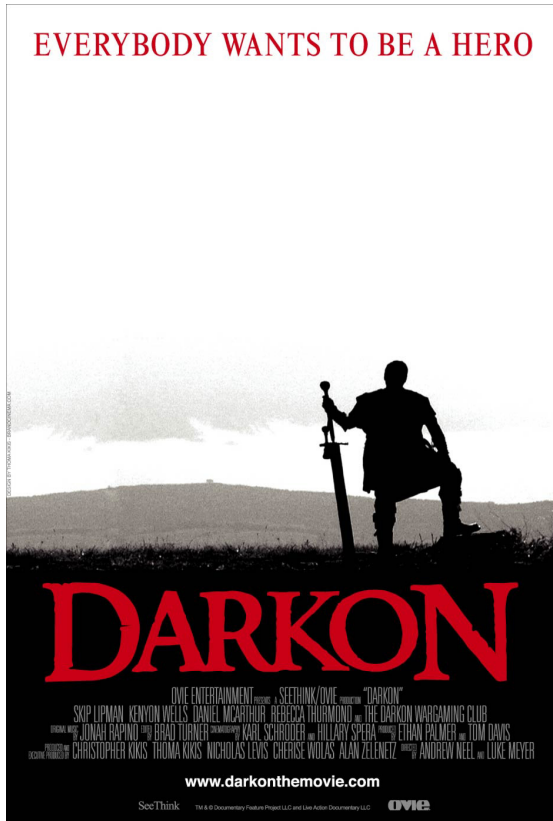


CACTUS THREE Presents

# DARKON



*Darkon* - a documentary feature that follows the real-life adventures of an unusual group of weekend "warrior knights," fantasy role-playing gamers whose live action "battleground" is modern-day Baltimore, Maryland, re-imagined as a make-believe medieval world named Darkon. These live action gamers combine the physical drama of historical re-enactments with character-driven storylines inspired in part by such perennial favorite fantasy epics as the legends of King Arthur, Lord of the Rings, and the saga of Conan the Barbarian. As role players, these gamers create alter-egos with rich emotional, psychological, and social lives. They costume themselves and physically act out their characters' exploits both in intimate court intrigue and campouts and in panoramic battle scenarios involving competitive strategies, convincingly real props, and full contact "combat." Because real life so often gets in the way, it's easy to understand these players motivations. Everybody wants to be a hero.

## Executive Producers

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U.S.A. 2005

89 Minutes

Color

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## Official selection:

SXSW Film Festival (winner of the Audience Award), HotDocs, Los Angeles Film Festival, Maryland Film Festival, SilverDocs, BritDoc, Melbourne International Film Festival, Santa Fe Film Festival, Sarasota Film Festival, Leeds International Film Festival, The Williamsburg Screenings, Festival Nouveau Cinema - Montreal, Boston Fantastic Film Festival, Woodstock Film Festival, Camden International Film Festival, Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival, DocNZ International Documentary Film Festival

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