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When attending the OUIJA DVD/Bluray Launch event for Fangoria Magazine on January 29th, many things stood out about the eerie yet fun environment. Ouija-themed drinks, decorations that would rival the film's dark tone, it was quite the affair.

The real standout of the night however, was the completely welcoming feeling that came from the film's OUIJA consultant, and by far the world's biggest authority on the subject of Ouija and Talking Boards, Mr. Robert Murch. After given a glimpse of Talking Boards throughout many eras and decades, we were led into a small private room, in which Murch sat us down, and explained not only the history of the OUIJA board and talking boards in general, but his charisma and absolute easy-going demeanor welcomed you in, and for me, sparked a large interest in the subject.

In between speaking with group after group of attendees, Murch and I sat down for an exclusive interview for Fangoria Magazine, and his knowledge of the subject surpassed any interest in the film, but instead made me completely enthralled by the history, the experiences and the mythos of all things OUIJA/Talking Board. Easily the most genuine and passionate interviewee I've had the privilege of speaking with, Murch is able to not only fill your head with an impressive amount of knowledge, but help give a big understanding of not only the history, but the importance of the Talking Board in general. The conversation went so well, that upon getting home that night, I e-mail Murch to set up a second interview, one that we could spend a larger amount of time speaking about the idea of OUIJA.

There isn't any single individual who knows their stuff as much as Murch does, and he never once comes off arrogant or cocky about it, Robert is more akin to a professor who absolutely loves the subject he teaches, and that personality is contagious and worth having him attached to any project you might need a consultant on. The guy knows his stuff, and even as a person and human being, I am grateful to have met him, and to have his love for the OUIJA and Talking Boards spark a genuine interest in me.



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