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The Walking Dead Girls

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The popularity of zombies still shows very little signs of slowing down and it appears as though the walking dead have become more popular than ever. Some assumed that this fixation would merely be a brief interest which would quickly subside but instead the legions of loyal fans continues to grow. This has given rise to zombie merchandise becoming more sought after than ever while zombie related events also more common than ever before.

The Walking Dead Girls is a documentary pushing the concept of zombie strippers or “zimbi’s” as they are called at the start of the film. I will guarantee that virtually any zombie fan you speak with is never going to have heard the term in their lives as it was something invented for the movie and in reality *The Walking Dead Girls* is more or less a means to try and push a zombie pinup calendar from Cheezy Flicks. Portions of the movie feature the girls themselves, getting into their zombie makeup which isn’t very good, and being asked the same set of questions. It’s definitely not the type of intriguing material that you might find with a Playboy pin-up calendar and it’s actually not nearly as interesting as what you might see as you get a sneak peak at the photo shoots.

The interviews with the girls however tend to be very brief with the bulk of *The Walking Dead Girls* featuring interviews with the likes of George Romero, Bruce Campbell, Linnea Quigley, the girls from *Evil Dead*, and Lloyd Kaufman. Most of what George covers are really things that he’s talked about time and time again but I’m sure at this point in his career interviews and responses have become a rather standard and rehearsed thing. Lloyd Kaufman who I’m not a huge fan of actually has some great information on what has happened with the film industry as far as the independent movie is concerned. Bruce has a short interview but it’s what we always see from him; funny, charming, and with that wit that most fans have come to expect. Bruce also happens to be listed as “Bruce A. Campbell” in the credits; I could have sworn his middle name was actually Lorne. I guess someone didn’t bothered to check everything over thoroughly before sending the film off for duplication.

Tyler Benjamin, the director of *The Walking Dead Girls*, also has interviews throughout the course of the film but his answers seem far too rehearsed. It’s feels too much like he wanted to try and add in some additional information about the zombie phenomenon in an “interview” setting but he often just comes across like a paid actor in a local television commercial. The film also features some footage from the Portland, OR zombie walk from 2010, zomBcon which is held in Seattle, and the Zombie Prom but only photos and as Cheezy Flicks in based here in Portland, I’m sure that the photographs were from that event.

There aren't any extra features on the disc, not even any additional interview footage.

The Walking Dead Girls might be worth a look just for a few of the interview segments but it's really not a movie that is worth owning but rather just a rental and even that is a stretch. Again, I really feel that this was more of an excuse to try and push the Zombie Pin-Up Calendar by having a few big names incorporated into the presentation, then showing some women in bikinis to try and get your interest so that you'd be searching the Internet to try and find out more regarding the product . . . okay, maybe I did get interested in Lillith Eve. Big breasted zombies aside though, *The Walking Dead Girls* is worth missing no matter how much you like the undead.

-mike

Directed by:
Tyler Benjamin

Featuring:
George A. Romero
Bruce Campbell
Betsy Baker
Ellen Sandweiss
Theresa Tilly
Linnea Quigley
Terry Alexander
John Amplas
Boyd Banks
Lloyd Kaufman

DVD Features:
Aspect Ratio: 1.33:1
Audio: English Stereo Surround

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