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Aaah! Zombies!! Written by: Michael Den Boer on November 7th, 2010



Theatrical Release Date: USA, 2007 Director: Matthew Kohnen Writer: Matthew Kohnen, Sean Kohnen Cast: Matthew Davis, Julianna Robinson, Michael Grant Terry, Betsy Beutle, Colby French, Richard Riehle, Tracey Walter

DVD released: October 19th, 2010 Approximate running time: 91 minutes Aspect Ratio: 1.78:1 Anamorphic Widescreen Rating: NR Sound: Dolby Digital 5.1 English Subtitles: N/A DVD Release: Level 33 Entertainment Region Coding: Region 0 NTSC Retail Price: \$16.95

Synopsis: A top secret government toxin that is unleashed into the population. Turns those who come in contact with it into zombies. Will the government be able to contain the outbreak or did they all along have ulterior motives for creating the toxin?

I know what you are thinking, "Another Zombie Movie"? There have been an over-saturation of Zombies films in recent years. With the majority of them being forgettable films that even the most die hard fan of zombie films would have trouble digesting.

This brings us to *Aaah! Zombies!!* or if you prefer its original title *Wasting Away*. Content wise this film right off the bat puts a new spin on a well worn genre. Instead of focusing on the living and how they are



going to stay alive. The film puts its focus primarily on the zombies perspective. To achieve this unique spin. The film alternates between the zombies perspective in Black & White and the livings perspective in color. And while these shifts in perspective are a bit jarring at first. As the film progresses they are not as intrusive.

Even though this is a film about zombies. The flesh eating and bloodletting is not that gory. In fact is it done in a comedic way that verges on slapstick, especially the film's absurd finale. Making a horror / comedy hybrid is a tricky proposition. And like so many other films that have tried to meld the two genres. This film does so with varied results. There are no truly scary moments in this film and more often

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than not that comedy misses the mark. Ultimately despite its short comings this film's most enduring asset is its enthusiastic performances from the entire cast

The DVD:



Level 33 Entertainment presents *Aaah! Zombies!!* in an anamorphic widescreen that preserves the film's original aspect ratio. This transfer looks very good as details always look crisp and the image remains stable throughout. The film alternates between B & W and color. Contrast and black levels look good. Colors and flesh tones look accurate. There are no problems with compression and edge enhancement is kept in check.

This release comes with one audio option, a Dolby Digital 5.1 mix in English. The audio is in great shape as everything sounds clear, balanced and at times robust.

Extras for this release are limited to a music video and trailers for other titles also available from Level 33 Entertainment. Overall *Aaah*!

Zombies!! gets a strong audio / video presentation from Level 33 Entertainment.

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