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Friday Night Frights: Aaah! Zombies!! DVD Review

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When a government experiment that hopes to create a super soldier goes horribly wrong, the military decides to dump the chemicals in the Bay and forget anything ever happened. Unfortunately for a group of twenty somethings at a bowling alley, the chemical drums accidentally end up there labeled as soft serve ice cream. The results are as you would expect, zombification. The twist this time, however, is that we follow them around as they try to figure out what is going on and why everyone else in town is moving so darn fast and talking lik Alvin and the Chipmunks?!



That's right, in Aaah! Zombies!! the infected do not lose their mental capacities, they simply slow down so they can see and interact with each other normally. The rest of the world sees them as the familiar lumbering groaning zombies that George Romero made a household word. The one exception, alcohol. When intoxicated, uninfected people experience a slowing down of their motor skills and facilities, thus they can converse with the zombies, unaware that they are different in any way. This leads to a great scene at the bowling alley toward the end of the movie.

The movie is relatively gore-less for a zombie flick but there are some severed limbs and heads. The effects team does a great job at staying on budget without making the movie look laughably bad. Smart editing and effects work take Aaah! Zombies!! a long way.

The one notable actor in the movie is Richard Riehle. The man pops up in a host of horror films including Hatchet and The Messengers 2 but is easily most recognizable from Office Space. He is good as the cigar smoking Colonel South this time around but his role is really limited. Everyone else puts in a solid likeable performance. I recognized Colby French somewhat and in researching, it appears that he has gone on to appear in television shows including Lost and True Blood.

The lone special feature is the music video for the song Barricade by the band Random Task Collective. It's a good soundtrack song and like all of the music in the movie, it fits the mood perfectly. Take the Skinheads Bowling by Camper Van Beethoven also turns up in the bowling ally scene I mentioned earlier. The remainder of the music is credited to the Newton Brothers. I have not heard their work before but they do a good job. I really liked the soundtrack.

This is the most original horror comedy I have seen. Forget the comedy tag, this is the most original zombie genre movie I have seen in years. Director Matthew Kohnen takes an original premise and runs with it, delivering a well shot,

well acted cheesy comedy that is a great movie for your halloween party. Aaah! Zombies!! proves that not all horror comedies have to mimic Shaun of the Dead.

Required viewing for Zombie fans

Special Features:

- Barricade Music Video

Aaah! Zombies!! is available on DVD now courtesy of MVD Visual and is perfect for Halloween.



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