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## Friday Night Frights DVD Review "Fan of the Dead"

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Nicholas Garreau's Fan of the Dead is basically a 1 hour vacation film documenting his trip from Europe to Pennsylvania to attend a horror convention and to tour many of the places that Day of the Dead, Land of the Dead and Dawn of the Dead were filmed, including the Monroeville Mall.

Nicholas doesn't speak a lot of English so all of his commentary is actually spoken in French and then translated. He does however, manage to interview many of the actors from the films in English so I am not sure why there was an inconsistency with this.

I am always up for a good behind the scenes video about horror films. The drawback with Fan of the Dead though, is that the interviews are very brief and the questions are shallow and nothing that hasn't been asked a thousand times. There was a good mix of actors from the Romero movies, most notably David Emge and Ken Foree although sadly George himself was not part of this project. I found the footage of filming locations to be interesting but I don't think they did much with it and it barely filled out the hour that the DVD lasted. It would have been nice to mix in a bit of scenes from the movies to show a then and now type of thing. I know that Dawn and Day are both under copyright laws but Night is at least public domain. I really liked the concept behind this documentary, however when I finished watching it, I didn't feel as if I had seen anything new or different.

Special Features Include a very cool little retro trailer segment complete with the old intermission commercials and vintage trailers from such classics as I Drink Your Blood and Day of the Triffids. Especially unique was Julie Andrews doing an infomercial back in the 70s for the MPAA rating system. This was actually my favorite part of the dvd and I watched it twice in a row so I could catch I Drink Your Blood again.

Over all, even with the very inexpensive price, I can't recommend purchasing this dvd to everyone. There is a

large group of George Romero completists who will want to add it to their collection. If you have a mild interest in it though, I would recommend a rental first.

Fan of the Dead is available on DVD beginning on April 15th from MVD Distributers.

For more information on Fan of the Dead check it out [RIGHT HERE](#)

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[#1 NeedBrains](#) on 04.11.08 at 4:36 pm

Hey... I really like the new FNF section, being a horror movie fan myself, I'm just wondering, most of your FNF movies have had a future release date, how do you get a hold of the movies before they're released?

[#2 Bulin](#) on 04.13.08 at 8:21 pm

Thank you NB, I am glad you like it. Fan of the Dead was a review copy from the distributor.

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