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“PLAN 9 FROM OUTER SPACE” FILM SCREENING PLANNED FOR “NIGHTMARE THEATRE” LAUNCH AT WSRE



PENSACOLA, Fla., October 8, 2018 — Horror movie fans are invited to gather at the WSRE Amos Studio on Friday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. for a celebration of the film genre’s return to local airwaves. WSRE is producing 13 new episodes of “Nightmare Theatre” that will begin airing Saturdays at 10 p.m. on Oct. 27 and streaming online at wsre.org.

In celebration of the series launch, WSRE and Great Southern Restaurant Group are teaming up to present a film screening which will feature “Plan 9 From Outer Space” on the big screen, a Merrill Movie Museum exhibit, a costume contest and the stars of “Nightmare Theatre”—Mike Ensley as the Baron Mondo Von Doren, Chip Chism as El Sapo de Tempesto and Lemmie Crews as Mittens the Werewolf.

Recent inductees of the Horror Host Hall of Fame, the costumed trio have been presenting horror films since 2001, when “Nightmare Theatre” was first broadcast by Cox Media. Since then, there have been film festivals, other cable access broadcasts and a national appearance on SpikeTV’s “Ghouls Gone Wild” in 2006. The program last aired on WUWF-TV in 2016.

Upon arrival to the Nov. 9 launch event, guests will be welcomed by the “Nightmare Theatre” cast, including the new Museum Curator played by Julio Diaz, the real-life collection curator of the Merrill Movie Museum. On each show, Diaz will showcase an item from the museum’s extensive collection of movie props, memorabilia and behind-the-scenes material. At the event, these items will be on display for fans to see up close.

In the “Nightmare Theatre” series plot, the Baron is a minor demon assigned to the physical plane to inflict misery upon mankind by way of “bad” movies. With his sidekicks—the masked wrestler El Sapo and pet werewolf Mittens—the Baron introduces old horror films in a humorous manner with little respect and a side of intriguing film history.

The following films will be featured in this inaugural season produced by WSRE: "The Killer Shrews," "A Bucket of Blood," "Little Shop of Horrors," "Mesa of Lost Women," "The Terror," "Moon of the Wolf," "Horror Express," "The Wasp Woman," "Warning from Space," "They Came from Beyond Space," "Track of the Moon Beast," "The House on Haunted Hill" and "The Brain That Wouldn't Die."

The film screening of "Plan 9 From Outer Space" will begin at 7 p.m., following the movie memorabilia exhibit and costume contest entries, which will start at 6 p.m.

"Plan 9 From Outer Space is one of those films that's so bad it's good, and the chance to experience it with a live audience is such a rare opportunity," said Ensley.

The film screening launch event is sponsored in part by Great Southern Restaurant Group, Hula Moon Tattoo and Messenger Hot Rods. Admission is free with online registration at wsre.org/nightmaretheatre.

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Photo Notes

Pictured left to right: The cast of "Nightmare Theatre" on the set at WSRE: Chip Chism as El Sapo de Tempesto, Mike Ensley as the Baron Mondo Von Doren and Lemmie Crews as Mittens the Werewolf. "Plan 9 From Outer Space" will be shown during a free screening event at WSRE on Nov. 9 in celebration of the return of "Nightmare Theatre" to local airwaves. In the 1959 movie, evil aliens attack Earth.



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