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BY LORI ALLEN OHM

**FROM THE GEORGE ROMERO/JOHN RUSSO
CLASSIC FILM**

DIRECTED BY BETH SCHNURA & SARA CLAIBORNE

PRODUCTION TEAM

Directors.....Beth Schnura, Sara Claiborne
Stage Manager.....Max Olmsted
Assistant Stage ManagerNikki Lilley
Producers.....Paige Mengel, Frank Mengel
Set Design.....Frank Mengel, Beth Schnura
Makeup Design.....Trenda Berney
Costume Designer.....Audrey Shoemaker
Props Mistress.....Melissa Monahan
Props.....Beth Schnura, Brenda Litchfield
Scenic Designer.....Frank Mengel
Fight Choreography.....Elizabeth Sparks, Keith Foster
Sound Design..... Josh Beddingfield, Beth Schnura
Lighting Designer.....Beth Schnura
Set Construction.....Frank Mengel
Light Board Operator.....Wes Ford
Graphic Design.....Eli Berney, Cindy Wilson
Hair & Makeup.....Courtney Beddingfield, Eli Berney
Laura Dupler, Theresa Dupler, Eliza Girton
Allison Pruitt, Shannon Wallin, Laura White
Photography.....Eric Kaltenmark
Video Team.....Wes Ford, Justus Stewart, Elizabeth Sparks
Sandra Klare, Elijah Collins-White, Max Olmsted
Brenda Litchfield, Marja Hughes
Box Office.....Paige Mengel, Gail Outhouse, Frank Mengel

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SCENE

Greeneville, TN
Sunday of the Spring Time Change, 1968

CAST OF CHARACTERS

THE LIVING (in order of appearance)

Pre-show Announcer.....	David Brooks
Barbara.....	Elizabeth Sparks
Johnny.....	Zach Gass
Harry Cooper.....	Jonathan Florence
Helen Cooper.....	Rachel Harrison
Karen Cooper.....	Ella Harrison
Tom.....	Ben Sparks
Judy.....	Marja Hughes
Jen.....	Maddie Roby
Radio Voice-over.....	Daniel Matheny
News Anchor.....	Angela Bride
Dr. Grimes.....	Sandra Klare
Jill Bardough.....	Holly Marshall
Chief McClellan.....	Gary Carver
Deputy.....	Blaine Sebastian
Deputy.....	Michael Fillers

THE UNDEAD (on stage)

Eli Berney, Keith Foster, Isaac Kitsteiner, Sandra Klare,
Trinity McLain, Margo Olmsted

THE UNDEAD (audience)

Amy Bailey, Angela Bride, Samuel Dickey, Michael Fillers,
Danika Florence, Walker Harrison, Christy Hoeke,
Drake Johnson, Holly Marshall, Jordan Reed, Blaine Sebastian,
Sara Wirt, Harrell Ward, Sharon Ward

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST



Amy Bailey - Geraldine May, a true blue southern mother of 3, is just thrilled to be sharing time with you tonight! Geraldine loves to garden, whether it be fruits, vegetables, herbs, you name it, she's grown it. She recently competed in the Greene county fair and got first prize on her famous green bell peppers. Geraldine would like to personally send her thanks for your attendance this evening and hopes that "Y'all enjoy the show, now!"

Eli Berney - Yo! Jet Abranth is psyched that you're here to see the show. Jet is the class clown that everybody totally loves to hang with...right? Or maybe they just want him to cover the check. Whatever! He's here for a good time, not a long time. Literally. He loves camping, photography, talking back to his lame stuck-up dad, and breaking the speed limit. Jet says thanks for swinging by the show. He wants you to know that the party doesn't stop when you're six feet under - so kick back and enjoy the show!



Angela Bride - Barbara Brokaw loves to hike and swim and just about anything she can do outdoors. She absolutely loves to be in the woods, but her favorite place is the beach, where she has recently taken up surfing. Barbara loves to investigate things and used to want to be a police detective, but decided to follow her passion into the news world. She now works for WICL-TV 11 NEWS where she is a News Anchor. She is excited to spend her evening with you and hopes you have an informative and exciting time.

Angela Bride - Anita Amazon is mostly a homebody. She loves to cozy up with a good book or watch reality TV, but her favorite thing to do is to shop from home. She gets very excited when packages arrive and she has to guess what it is before opening it. In fact, there isn't a day that goes by that there's not an Amazon package sitting on her front porch. Even though Anita rarely leaves her house, she wants you to know that she has made an exception just for you tonight and can't wait to spend the evening with you.



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Gary Carver - Sheriff Connie "Chief" McClellan – Chief McClellan is so excited to see everyone out this evening for the show! You may recall seeing him previously during his campaign for Sheriff and on WICL-TV 11 News recently after the big arrest of the notorious ring of catalytic converter thieves. Other than keeping the good people of Greene County safe, he enjoys hunting, fishing, singing in his church choir and amateur falconry. Chief would also like to take this opportunity to ask for your vote in the upcoming election.

Sam Dickey - Eric Anders is a stoic, Catholic humanist who enjoys fishing, photography, and baking. He hopes someday to publish poetry and catch an award-winning bass - not at the same time.



Michael Fillers - My name is Tad E. Rosenvolt. I used to be a factory worker before I became a full time theatre actor. I was in several plays and musicals before I was attacked and killed by a dead audience while in my costume after my performance of *Of Mice and Men*. I would like to be remembered as a great actor and loving uncle to my nieces and nephew and a loving son to my mother. Luck in this new zombie world. This is the end of my character bio. I hope u like it. Thank u. Mike or Tad.

Jon Florence - I'm Harry Cooper. I'm an aluminum siding salesman, the best there is in Smyth and the surrounding counties of South-West Virginia. Ask anybody. I have a degree in business from Wytheville Community College and have held the record for most sales at Chilhowie Aluminum Roofing and Siding for six consecutive years. When I'm not making record aluminum siding sales, I spend my time in philately. Since I'm sure you don't know what that is: I collect and study postage stamps. Also, I have a wife, Helen, and a daughter, Karen. Neither of them are interested in aluminum siding or philately.



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Danika Florence - My name is Veronica Barnes. I am 16 and I live on a farm with my family. I'm a junior in high school, and I help my family at the farm sometimes. I'm not very social, preferring to be alone in darker places. My humor is usually sarcastic and dark. I like drawing sometimes, especially up in the loft in the barn. I don't really have a specific style, I just wear anything that's comfortable, fits, and isn't pink. I have a boyfriend named Seth, but he's been acting weird lately. I'll confront him at some point...



Keith Foster – Daniel Douglas Donahue, better known as Mr. Danny, is a retired Staff Sergeant. He served in the US Army Corpse of Engineers for 25 years. While serving in Korea he picked up a love for Tang Soo Do martial arts and practiced it regularly 3 times a week. He lives on their farm with Dalinda his wife, and seven children: Daniel, David, Deeana, Devina, Darcy, Dakota, Dirk, and all their many animals. He has just recently opened his own Korean style martial arts studio and is looking forward to starting an after-school program for troubled youths.



Zach Gass - Owner of Spire Records in downtown Nashville, Johnny Boyd comes rolling onto the stage with his sister, Barbara, to pay respects to their dearly departed father. While he merely tolerates his younger sister, he's willing to take the three hour odyssey eastward to please his mom. Back at home, Johnny runs a moderately successful music shop while Barbara takes care of their mother. When he's not behind the register or assessing and examining new additions to his collection of vinyl and other wares, Johnny enjoys cheesy horror movies at the drive in, with House of Wax being his personal favorite.



Ella Harrison - Karen Cooper is thrilled to be in this GTG production! Karen Cooper is 11 years old and she is the daughter of Harry and Helen Cooper. Karen loves to be at school and with her friends. Karen likes to be out of the house and away from all the fighting between her parents. Karen wants to give a big thanks to Beth and Sara for this opportunity!

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Rachel Harrison - Helen Cooper is thrilled to be a part of this fantastic, spooky show! Helen is a stay-at-home mom, and her favorite thing in the world is to spend time with her daughter, Karen. Helen is usually seen with a cigarette in her hand, because that's the only way she can hold herself together being married to A GUY LIKE HARRY!! *takes a breath* Helen wants to thank Sara and Beth for giving her this awesome experience!



Walker Harrison - John Sandford is excited to be a part of this Greenville Theatre Guild production. John is 19 years old and dreams of meeting the right woman. The thing John likes to do the most is work. He works in a mechanic shop 24/7 and loves it. He loves to just escape from reality while working on vehicles. John would like to thank Beth and Sara for giving him the opportunity to be in this awesome show!

Christy Hoeke - Vera Vein is excited to be on stage with the Guild once again. While Vera spends most of her time working in her vegetable garden, knitting for her family, or just enjoying being retired, Vera is loving being around the youngsters and preparing to thrill the community. This little old lady is full of creative energy and can't wait to spread it all over! Enjoy the show!



Marja Hughes - Judy Wilder is excited to share this time with you. Judy is a Teacher's Assistant at Mosheim Elementary, and she recently graduated with an associate's degree in early childhood education. She loves the work she does and time spent she spends with her first grade class. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, nature photography, and spending time with her family and boyfriend Tom. Judy is so grateful that you have joined us this evening. We have some exciting thrills and chills planned and hope that you enjoy our production!

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Drake Johnson - Viktor DcKay - I am a top ranked ER orthopedic surgeon at the North Knoxville Medical Center. I specialize in orthopedic surgeries. I studied at the UT College of Medicine and was a resident at the Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center in Las Vegas, NV. I take pride in my work, and I love to hike around the Eastern TN region. One of my favorite things to.....wait. I'm being called in! Apparently we've had a massive influx of patients in the last 20 minutes. I'm off to make the world a better place via cutting open human flesh!



Isaac Kitsteiner - Jackson Rottenflesh was a new and upcoming country music star, he would play his guitar and sing his songs at any place that would have him. Even at bars even though he was not 18 yet. His second biggest accomplishment was getting a drunk person to clap after his performance was done, his only applause yet...His first was hearing a song of his on the radio! and then he got so exited he then died of a heart attack at 17. We asked him how he was now and all he could say was, "BRAINNNSSS..."



Sandra Klare - Dr. Grimes is thrilled to be a part of this evening's performance and hopes you're ready for a wild ride! When she's not trying to solve the mystery of a sudden zombie outbreak, she can usually be found in the lab, poring over research, or grabbing a quick cup of black coffee. Though her days are filled with scientific challenges, she's always up for a new adventure—even if it means dodging the undead! Dr. Grimes would like to thank you for joining her tonight, and she hopes you enjoy every pulse-pounding moment of the show. Stay safe out there!



Holly Marshall - Jill Bardough, the enthusiastic yet often overlooked newscaster for WICL-TV 11 News, has spent her career striving for the serious journalism spotlight—though things never quite go as planned. Whether it's accidentally mispronouncing world leaders' names or reporting on "breaking" stories that aren't so breaking, Jill's heart is always in the right place. She's still convinced she's one investigative report away from her big break. Until then, she's happy just trying not to trip over her words—or her microphone cords!



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Holly Marshall - Polly N. Hivehart, a proud and passionate beekeeper, spends her life surrounded by the hum of her beloved bees. Known for her unmatched ability to wrangle a swarm with just a whistle and a wink, Polly is a firm believer that bees are the true rulers of the natural world. When she isn't harvesting honey or warding off the dreaded wasps in the "Wasp Wars," you can find her buzzing about town, sharing bee puns and pollen facts. Her life's motto: Bee yourself, or buzz off!

Daniel Matheny - Allen Goddfree is 37 years old is a husband to Elizabeth Goddfree and father of three children who live in Greeneville. He got his start in radio doing late night news reports and stories, after applying at WGRV. He quickly became a late night favorite. When the zombie outbreak happened I was in my recording studio, completely immersed in my craft. I am alone in my recording studio, to be the head of this major development.



Trinity McLain - Rosie Carlson is pleased to welcome you to this thrilling show. Although she may seem like a small and cute little doll, don't let her fool you. Her extraordinary gymnastics skills make her a formidable predator. If she pounces on you, you don't stand a chance. She hopes you enjoy this adrenaline inducing experience and advises you to watch out; it may otherwise be your last.

Margo Olmsted – Due to Daddy's job, my real name is Classified. He also made me sign an NDA. I hate Daddy and his board members. That's why I married one and moved to the Farm!



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Jordan Reed - Paige Turner always found solace in the quiet sanctuary of books. Her love for reading was sparked early by her grandmother, who would tell tales on their lazy afternoons together. Paige's blonde hair and blue eyes often made her the center of attention, but behind that pretty face lay a shy girl who preferred the company of characters from novels to people in person. At 27 years old, she is a librarian at Walters State where she works alongside her best friend, Audrey. Now Paige finds herself at home around all the books she gets to place on the shelves every day.



Maddie Roby - Name's Jen. Military trained, zombie-slaying machine. I've survived worse than a horde of the undead—like herding cats with trust issues! Cool under pressure, quick on my feet, and yes, I can barricade a door with one arm tied behind my back. While everyone's losing their heads, I'm keeping mine—preferably away from the zombies. Enjoy the show, Greeneville! And for God's sake, STAY OUT OF THE CELLAR!



Blaine Sebastian - My name is Henry Fulkes, I'm not too good at talking to people so I'll keep this short. I'm a park ranger for Panther Creek State Park in Morristown, Tennessee. I was defending my ranger station when I got attacked by these ghouls, one bit me on the arm, but I was able to make it out alive. I made it back to Greeneville to check on my wife and daughter, but it was too late. Now I wander around, attacking people and feasting on the flesh of the living. Beats working a 9-5 I guess.



Ben Sparks - Tom is a loving boyfriend to Judy and a body-builder in his spare time. Don't let his demeanor fool you. He's a black-belt, too, but conveniently forgets that when confronted by flesh-eating monsters.



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Elizabeth Sparks - Barbara is a sweet girl who crumbles under stress. She's a dancer and actor in her spare time. Radio-active zombies couldn't care less.

Sharon Ward - Ima Nosey brings her skill of people watching to the stage! Ima is always ready for a good story, particularly if it involves gossip about her neighbors. She can usually be found at church on Sundays or spending time with her best friend, Gale, when they meet on Tuesdays for Mahjong. Ima would like to thank you each for being here so she can talk to you in the lobby after the show about what happened just last week....



Harrell Ward - Burt "Happy Trails" Clifford has been a cattle rancher for many years. His favorite hobby is roping, followed closely by tying knots. You can usually find Burt singing in the car or cheering on his buddy, Dale, who is a world class professional bull rider. Burt is excited for this opportunity to be a part of this special performance. He always knew he was meant for the stage, and here you are to prove him right!

Sara Wirt - Ellie worked at a music store and loved to play guitar until her fingers began to decompose. She is moody, fairly smart, and a bit emotionally awkward, and she expresses herself via her eyebrows.



Trenda Berney - Susie makes a special appearance when her son steps in for Ben. Susie is loads of fun, likes to play in her mommy's make-up, and plays well with others. She says, "Let's be friends!"



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ABOUT US

The mission of the Greeneville Theatre Guild is to enrich, entertain, and educate our community through high-quality theatrical productions.

Greeneville Theatre Guild is a non-profit corporation. We are grateful for, and deeply appreciate, the support of the individuals and businesses that have volunteered their time and energy and/or donated money and materials to allow the GTG to fulfill our mission.

To participate, volunteer, or donate, call (423) 470-2792, find us on Facebook, or email us at greenevilletheatreguild@gmail.com. Your talent, time, and energy are always sincerely appreciated.

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Greeneville Theatre Guild's ***Destination: Theatre Depot*** campaign

The Board of Trustees of the Greeneville Theatre Guild (GTG) is conducting a renovation project on West Depot Street. The project consists of renovating portions of the buildings at 248 and 250 West Depot Street to create a new "black box-style" performance theatre, with flexible seating arrangements possible for each show. In conjunction with the project, the Board is also conducting the *Destination: Theatre Depot* fundraising campaign.

The performing space the GTG seeks to build is deliberately designed not to compete, but to complement existing venues. Where the Niswonger Performing Arts Center has over 1100 seats, and the Capitol has over 300 seats, the Theatre Depot will have just over 100 seats.

GTG is already using the building at the corner of Depot and Cutler streets for rehearsals, set construction, storage of costumes and props, etc. However, substantial renovation will be required to make a performance space with seating and restroom facilities for the public, heating and air conditioning, theatrical lighting and sound systems, lobby and ticket sales, dressing rooms for actors, etc. In the meantime, public presentation of GTG productions involves renting the Capitol Theatre on Main Street.

Once established, this performance space will:

- Contribute to the revitalization of downtown Greeneville.
- Allow GTG to have more flexibility in scheduling productions. Currently, plays can only be scheduled when the Capitol Theatre schedule permits GTG to rent that space.
- Allow actors to rehearse in the same space that they will perform.
- Allow sets to be constructed without having to dismantle and move them to another location.
- Allow greater intimacy. This will mean better sound and sight for theatre patrons.
- Allow GTG to present a variety of educational workshops and events for the community.
- Allow GTG to save substantial rental costs.

The GTG Board of Trustees has set a goal of \$500,000 for the campaign. A lead gift has already been committed to *Destination: Theatre Depot*. The children of John M. and Arne Jones have made a significant contribution to the GTG to launch its building campaign in honor of their parents. In recognition of and gratitude for the generous gift, the board of the GTG has decided that the auditorium will be named 'The John M. and Arne Jones Auditorium.' There are a variety of other naming opportunities in connection with the campaign.

GTG is a 501(c)(3) organization, so all contributions are tax deductible. With careful management by the Board and by the volunteer staff members, GTG has operated consistently in the black, with a balanced budget since its inception in 2014.

Play a role in your community!

Thank you for contributing to the continued success of the Greeneville Theatre Guild! GTG is a 501(c)(3) organization and all contributions are fully tax-deductible.

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