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Elkhart, Hooker selected as filming locations for JFT Film Productions' 'Retro of the Dead'

The City of Hooker has been added to Elkhart by JFT Film Productions and Writer/Director Joel Trujillo, grandson of Johnny B. and Jane Lopez, as locations for its next production and the last in its zombie movie series with open auditions set for Thursday, Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 18 at 2 p.m. at the Hooker Senior Citizens Center, 104 Glaydas, in Hooker.

Filming for "Retro of the Dead" that is based in the year of 1985 will be weekends in February.

"We are seeking actors, actresses and extras for roles as zombies and civilians of varying ages," said Trujillo. "We are also seeking six specific characters for key scenes."

Roles needed to be filled are as follows:

Seeking: Young female to play 16-17 year-old girl. May be ages 15-21. Character is cute, very energetic.

Seeking: Young male to play 18-19 year-old boy. May be ages 18-21. Character is strong and macho.

Seeking: Male to play 24 year-old man. May be ages 18-28.

Character is strong, athletic built and handsome. Height 5 feet 9 inches or taller.

Seeking: Female to play 28-48 year old woman. May be ages 28-48. Character is very aggressive, dominating with destructive instinct.

Seeking: Male to play 35-48 year old man. May be ages 28-48. Character is very intelligent, scientific.

Seeking: Young man to play the part of Monty McCormic: (Very important character of "Retro of the Dead") Age 18, May be ages 16-26, Height 5 feet 11 inches to 6 feet 1 inch Heavy Set a plus but can work around if not.

Seeking: Extras to play zombies from the year 1985.

Seeking: Extras to play civilians from the year 1985.

"We are also looking for behind the scenes help," said Trujillo.

"Retro of the Dead" is projected to be released in the spring of 2014. It follows the world premier of "Disco of the Dead" last fall in Mitchell Theaters in Liberal and Guymon.

"Retro of the Dead" is another "sequel prequel" and a sequel to "Disco of the Dead." It is also a prequel to "Eclipse of the Dead." The entire series also includes "Dusk of the Living Dead" and "Fields of the Living Dead."

This is Trujillo's fourth foray into solo movie directing. (He paired with Randy Greenwood on "Dusk" and "Fields.") "Disco of the Dead" received top ratings with ZMDB, a website geared for zombie movies and fans. "Disco" also sold out a premier showing.

Trujillo has won two Telly Awards, a premier award honoring outstanding local, regional and cable TV commercials and programs, the finest video and film productions, and web commercials, videos and films. Winners represent the best work of the most respected advertising agencies, production companies, television stations, cable operators and corporate video departments in the world.

In "Retro" the nemesis will be played by Mark Espinoza of Elkhart, who was seen at the ending of the credits for "Disco."

Returning characters include Kennie Porter (played by D. Brent McKinley of Elkhart), Samantha Starke (played by Terra Orth of Elkhart), Sgt. Nordrum, (Virgil Gibson of Hardesty) and Mrs. Nordrum (Benita Keneer of Elkhart).

"It is obvious with the returning actors that they do it for the love of film making. All my actors bring fun-loving, creative, great attitudes to the sets. I love working with them all from Virgil Gibson who is trained as an actor and once played a surgeon on the soap opera 'Guiding Light' to our youngest actor at age 3," said Trujillo. "All are welcome to audition and be involved."

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