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**Inland Stage Presents 'Evil Dead: The Musical'**

The Inland Stage Company is excited to present "Evil Dead: The Musical."

"We've been wanting to do this show since 2006, when it was brought to me by a friend," said ISC Artistic Director Jim Marbury.

According to Marbury, it has never been a question of whether or not ISC had the talent to do the show, but a question of the technical challenges this show requires.

"There's a lot of blood, a decapitation, and folks getting eviscerated on stage in front of the audience, so we had to be in a space where we could do such things and have the technical staff to pull it off. We do now, so I jumped on the chance," Marbury said.

"Evil Dead" started off as a tribute show in Canada, then was produced in Seattle, and then Off-Broadway (with Bruce Campbell and Sam Raimi in the audience). "And now right here in San Jacinto," Marbury said.

Marbury is also directing the production. "Our cast is fantastic and some of the most talented actors we've ever had on our stage," Marbury said.

Winston Peacock, who plays the chainsaw wielding hero, Ash, was last seen on the ISC stage in "The Last Five Years" and as Dr. Frankenfurter in "The Rocky Horror Show."

"I have watched this movie since I was a kid and when I found out it was a musical I knew I had to do it," Peacock said. "It is a perfect comedy with references from all the horror movies. It kind of reminds me of the type of comedy shows you see during Halloween time at Universal Studios or Knott's. This show has great music and great jokes that everyone will fall out of their seats with laughter."

Yvonne Flack plays his girlfriend Linda, with Joe Baca, Janine Wills and Samantha Korich rounding out the other five college students that head out to the haunted cabin in the woods.

There are also "Deadite Zombies," a strange man who wanders through the woods played by Chris Gates, and two researchers, played by Paola Cifuentes and Adam Faglay, all who are veterans of last season's "The Rocky Horror Show."

"I like the melodramatic characters," Cifuentes said. "That's what makes the show a comedy. The special effects are also going to be great! People who are a fan of the films will love the splatter zone. And the music has a Rocky Horror feel to it which makes it very enjoyable." "It's unlike any musical you've seen – darkly funny and silly. The cast is amazing, the set is superb and the music is unforgettable, with such great tunes as 'It's Time,' 'Join Us' and the dance number 'Do the Necromicon.' It's an unforgettable and unique evening of theatre," Marbury said.

"Evil Dead: The Musical" plays at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and midnight on Saturdays, Sept. 20 through Oct. 7. All tickets are only \$10 and can be purchased on the website at [www.inlandstage.org](http://www.inlandstage.org). Thursdays are 'Pay What You Can Night,' with a suggested \$5 donation.

ISC also offers group rates and season tickets.

The Esplanade Art Center is located at 2181 W. Esplanade Ave., San Jacinto, Ca.

For more information or reservations, please call the box office at (951) 600-7273