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“Count Gore De Vol” and “Captain 20” at The 2006 Spooky Movie Film Festival

The 2006 Spooky Movie Film Festival is proud to announce that regional television legend, Dick Dyszel will be the host-of-honor for our inaugural event - October 27-29!

Dyszel entertained and educated a generation of fans in the 1970s and 1980s through his popular characters "Count Gore De Vol" and "Captain 20" on WDCA Channel 20 in Washington, D.C. Now, more than thirty years after his Washington debut, he is back hosting movies live and in person!

On Friday, October 27, at Cinema Arts Theatre in Fairfax, Virginia, "Count Gore" will introduce a preview of the upcoming festival, and will preside over our Opening Night double feature. Early the next day, Saturday, October 28, "Captain 20" will be making a triumphant return (only the 2nd public appearance in almost 20 years) to the theatre for a very special Saturday morning treat - special discount to anyone who brings their vintage Channel 20 Club Cards! Finally, on Tuesday, October 31, "Count Gore" will also be present for a Halloween night post-Festival screening of the original "Night of the Living Dead" in Alexandria.

"Film festivals are a lot of fun for everyone," Mr. Dyszel said. "You get to see a lot of creativity that the Hollywood process destroys. Plus, I can't wait to see how many folks show up with their Club Cards!"

In 1984 Dyszel received an Emmy for Outstanding Children's Programming. His last television appearance as "Count Gore" on Channel 20 was six years ago when he hosted "Countdown with the Count" on New Years Eve. For the past eight years he has been hosting movies for an international audience over the Internet, pioneering the now ubiquitous entertainment-on-demand industry.

"Eight years ago we saw an opportunity to be creative while reaching a global audience," Dyszel said. "We took it and succeeded. People are no longer tied to a local TV, cable channel or a specific time of day to watch a hosted horror movie. Plus the website gives them so much more content and variety than TV ever could...or will!"

Nationally recognized for his advocacy of young artists, hosts, writers and filmmakers, thanks to his award winning "Creature Features: The Weekly Web Program" (www.countgore.com), Mr. Dyszel is more prolific and inspirational than ever. Not only is "Count Gore" one of the more sought after guests at nostalgia and memorabilia conventions, he is also the subject of two upcoming documentaries on the subjects of horror hosting and local television, and is heavily featured in the new coffee table book "Weird Maryland."

"If you hang around long enough and do a good enough job, people start paying attention," he pointed out. "Now that I have their attention, it's time to focus some of it on the next generation of filmmakers and entertainers!"

The Spooky Movie Film Festival is proud to help "Count Gore" reclaim Halloween! In addition to his festival appearances he has also scheduled an autograph session with his "2007 Count Gore De Vol Photo Calendar" in Frederick, Maryland at Cinemagraphic Studios the night of October 7. A week later he will be appearing as part of a panel discussion on horror hosts at the Norfolk Fan Festival, "Monster Fest," on Saturday, October 14.

Presented by Movie Madness Productions, The Spooky Movie Film Festival will be held at Cinema Arts Theatre at Fair City Mall in Fairfax, Virginia (www.cinemaartstheatre.com) Friday, October 27 - Sunday, October 29. The best horror, sci-fi, fantasy, independent and underground films from around the world have come in for consideration, making for a challenging, yet rewarding, selection process and will give Washingtonians something to scream about this season! For more updates on The 2006 Spooky Movie Film Festival, please visit our websites: www.thespookymovie.com or www.myspace.com/spookymovie.