FANX '17 PANELS

WALKING WITH THE DEAD: THE CINEMATIC HISTORY OF ZOMBIES
William Seabrook
Pre-Romero
White Zombie (1932)

- Based on William Seabrook account
- Bela Lugosi
I Walked with a Zombie (1943)

- Voodoo
- Val Lewton
- Jacques Tourneur
Plan 9 from Outer Space (1959)

- Sci-Fi zombies
- Tor Johnson
- George the Animal Steel
Romero Trilogy
Night of the Living Dead (1968)

- Duane Jones
- Most successful independent film ever made
- Readers Digest “avoid, film inspires cannibalism”
- Remade by Savini in 1990
Dawn of the Dead (1978)

- Action zombies
- David Emge / Ken Foree
- “blue” zombie skin
- Social commentary
Day of the Dead (1985)

- Intelligent zombies
- Lori Cardille
- Bub
- Human vs Zombie characters
Intermezzo
A Zombie Story & Knights Templar
Foreign Exploitation
Tombs of the Blind Dead (1972)

- Director: Amando de Ossorio
- Knights Templar
Zombi 2 (1979)

- Unauthorized sequel to Dawn of the Dead (1978)
- Aka: “Zombie”
Sub-Genres

Nazi Zombies

Cannibals
Western Satire
Night of the Creeps (1986)

- Fred Dekker (Monster Squad)
- Jason Lively, Tom Atkins
- Slither homages this film
The Return of the Living Dead (1985)

- Dan O’Bannon (Alien, Lifeforce)
- Raw calf brains
Trancers (1984)

- Time traveling zombies
- Tim Thomerson, Helen Hunt
- Director: Charles Band (The Dungeonmaster)
Night of the Comet (1984)

- “Valley girls” vs zombies
- Catherine Mary Stewart
- Director: Thom Eberhardt (Without a Clue, Captain Ron)
Modern Revival
28 Days Later (2002)

- Director: Danny Boyle (Slumdog Millionaire, Trainspotting, Sunshine)
- “Social rage”

- Director: Zack Snyder (Batman v Superman, 300)
- Sarah Polley, Ving Rhames
- Opening scene
Independent
Pontypool (2008)

- Stephen McHattie
- Radio play
- Conversationalists vs Zombies
Zombies for Mass Consumption
I Am A Hero (2015)

• Based on manga “I am a Hero”
Train to Busan (2016)

- Prequel: “Seoul Station” anime
- Director Yeon Sang-ho's first live-action film