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Zombies are Coming to Lesher

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Ben Weddell, left, is shocked to discover that his sweet, little sister Gretchen Salter, right, is really a blood-thirsty, brain-eating zombie in "Z is for ... Zombie: And Improvised Zombie Apocalypse!" Photo provided

Lafayette-based improv comedy company Synergy Theater is invading the Lesher Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek with its annual improvised horror spoof, "Z is for...Zombie: An Improvised Zombie Apocalypse!" at 8:15 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16 and 17.

"In Z is for...Zombie," explains Synergy Theater's artistic director Kenn Adams, "some of the characters are regular townfolk, and others are shape-shifting zombies from space who have killed, eaten, and taken the form of their unsuspecting victims. When the story begins, nobody knows who is still human and who has been turned into a zombie - not even the cast! So, all through the show, the characters are trying to stay alive when, at any moment, the person they trust the most might suddenly go zombie and suck out their brains."

"It's really a kick," says longtime company member Lynn Shields, "because the cast and the audience are all playing the game at the same time: trying to figure out who's telling the truth and who's really a zombie."

"It's incredibly funny," adds Synergy veteran Ben Weddell. "It's part horror movie spoof, part improv comedy show, and part reality television. Who will be the last human improviser standing?"

Synergy Theater has a regular schedule of rotating improv comedy shows in Lafayette where

they perform at Lamorinda Music on the third weekend of every month. Will they venture into Walnut Creek again? Well, you know those zombies. They're hard to keep down.

Tickets for "Z is for ... Zombie" are \$15 and can be purchased online at www.lesherartscenter.org or by phone at (925) 943-7469.

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