

Queens of the Dead

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Director: George Romero, Tina Romero

Starring: Margaret Cho, Katy O'Brian, Nina West



With the daughter of legendary zombie horror director George Romero, Tina Romero, at the helm, *Queens of the Dead* is a riot of glitter, gore, and incredible queer humour. Drag queens, club kids, and best frenemies find themselves stranded in a Bushwick night club where every plan for their Easter event has gone wrong, and on top of that there's a zombie horde high on party drugs and social media validation on the way. The ragtag group, led by embittered butch DJ Dre (Katy O'Brian), have to fight their way out or face being transformed into one of the most glamorous zombies around.

With a jaw-dropping LGBTQ+ cast including Cheyenne Jackson (*American Horror Story*), comedy legend Margaret Cho, Jack Haven (*I Saw the TV Glow*), *RuPaul's Drag Race* alumna Nina West, and Katy O'Brian (*Love Lies Bleeding*), and a soundtrack featuring Kesha and the Scissor Sisters, it has been one of the most hotly anticipated horror releases of the year.

Taking on the mantle of the most famous zombie horror director in the world may seem like a tall task, but Tina Romero and co-writer Erin Judge seem to shoulder it with ease. There is whip-smart humour and social commentary throughout (as a viewer might expect from a queer zombie film) and all of it is delivered by a group of characters that quickly endear themselves to the audience through their genuinely heartfelt connections with one another, and their endless supply of excellent, cheesy-but-perfect one-liners.

After winning the much sought after Audience Award for Best Narrative Feature at the Tribeca Film Festival, and now set for a USA release in October 2025 - what better month is there for a horror film release? *Queens of the Dead* promises to be a laugh-out-loud horror comedy with a heart of gold.

'Queens Of The Dead is a loving homage to classic zombie films while still feeling fresh and fun. Its references are in your face that they could well feel thumbed in and forced, but with the camp, extravagant energy that runs throughout the narrative, they feel right at home in the outlandish setting'

- Rebecca Sayce

Excellent

Fair

Poor

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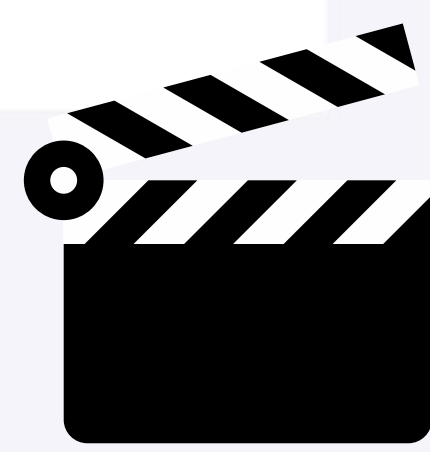
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Did You Know?

- Nina West (who plays Ginsey Tonic) has competed on *Rupaul's Drag Race* twice - once in season 11, and once in All Stars season 9.
- This is Katy O'Brian's third project that involves battling zombies.
- Tom Savini (who has a brief cameo in the film) worked with George Romero seven times on iconic zombie films such as *Dawn of the Dead* (1978), *Creepshow* (1982), and the 1990 remake of *Night of the Living Dead*.

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