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# Wanna see something really funny?

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Even if it wasn't for the stellar opening act, MiniKiss, this would be a great year to check out the Gangrene Film Festival.

So says Craig Nybo, spokesman for the 11th annual comedy shorts event, scheduled for a week from tonight.

"I think I can absolutely say the films this year are the funniest ones we've ever received," said Nybo, a Kaysville resident. "Every one of them is funnier than the next. We had a good representation this year from all over the country and world. I am confident that if you show up, you will laugh your head off, not only at the show but at the surprises we have planned.



"If you ever thought of coming to Gangrene, this is the year you don't want to miss."

Several favorite filmmakers from previous years sent in quality work, and there are sidesplitting films from newcomers. Nybo said one film he had ruled out for subpar production values haunted him until he pulled it back out of the reject pile.

"I couldn't stop thinking of it," he said of "Wrestling with My Father," an entry from a Nebraska filmmaker. "So I got it out of the rejection pile to show it to the board, and everyone was rolling with laughter. It became a board favorite. It was the lowest in production values, but it's one of our funniest pieces."

"Making Funny Stuff" also broke a rule, but got on the schedule.

"We usually don't allow films over 15 minutes, but if it is scorchingly funny, it makes it through," Nybo said. "I would give this film very high marks."



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"Making Funny Stuff" is the first film in the later section, usually reserved for films that would be rated PG-13 if reviewed, Nybo said. Films in the early session are more like G and PG films, he said.

"This year more than most, even the later films are a very light PG-13 at most," Nybo said. "In past years, films we run later have had comedic violence or were a little bit crass. This year, the crassness was dialed way down in the films we received."

"Making Funny Stuff" was made as a comedy show pilot, Nybo said.

"If you can't stay for the late session, just hang around for this, which is the first film," he said. "It's three guys with a video camera, with no crew, and it's made on a shoestring budget, but these guys are just so funny you want to hang out with them. It's a really nice surprise."

Here's the full list of Gangrene comedy shorts scheduled for this year's festival, with descriptions provided by the festival:

**General-audience session, 7 p.m.**

- "Mundane Roadshow," by Pat Murphy, Ogden. A traveling auctioneer sells, well, nothing special, to nobody special.

- "Andy's Spic and Span," by Ryan O'Connell, Tallahassee, Fla. A compulsive cleaner, with a superhero complex, must combat his phobia of dirty drains to win his dream girl's heart.

- "The Necronomicon," by Joseph Nanni, Ontario, Canada. Do you want to be a nicer person? Are you looking for inspiration to do good things? Well, keep looking. But if you're into opening up terrifying vistas of reality then the Esoteric Order of the Old Ones and Cthulhu Cultists want to help.

- "Elder Sign," by Nanni. Are you unable to live your life to its fullest? Are you plagued by those pesky polyps from another time and another dimension? Perhaps you need Elder Sign.

- "Legend's Dawn," by Ben Kent, London, England. An epic battle awaits a group of Dark Ages barbarians. Two plans are presented on how to defeat the foe. Which will be chosen, and why?

- "Wrestling With My Father," by Charles Fairbanks, Lexington, Neb. My father was a wrestler before me. You never stop being a wrestler.

- "Regurgitation," by Harley Hay, Red Deer, Canada. Can't pay that huge restaurant bill? No problem. Bring it on, and bring it up.

- "Whaling and the Inherent Dangers Therein," by Joseph Sliker, Los Angeles. In the wake of a string of deadly "whale attacks" a young intern from the League of Whalers sets out with whaling legend Dockweiler Avery and industry star Naples Tinkleton to slay the beast who is responsible.

- "The Adventures of Cap'n Blackbone and the Crew of the Fetid Scallop," by Mike Terrell, Gangrene Productions. The first of many animated episodes that follow the intrepid Cap'n Blackbone and his swarthy pirate crew.

- "This is the News," by Craig and Larry Nybo, Gangrene Productions. A news anchor waits in the hot seat for the show producer's cue to broadcast his exploitative tales of murder and corruption.

**Late session, 10 p.m.**

- "Making Funny Stuff," by Glen McDonald, Toronto, Canada. A loose narrative about three guys trying to create a sketch comedy show.

- "The Eater," by Niko Hronopoulos, Los Angeles. A competitive eating champ well past his glory days must recapture the taste of victory by mentoring a brash young upstart.

- "Street Cred," by Martin Lemaire, Seffner, Fla. An up-and-coming rapper, 'DJ Kollege,' gets a lesson on the ins and outs of the rap game.

- "Unreason," by Joseph Krause, Detroit. Detroit artists Zelda and the Unibrows play fantasy versions of themselves in this silent short, using their own music as score. Scoundrel Herr Krause is jealous of the renowned inventor Dr. Szewczyk's success and mounts a campaign to exceed the doctor's fame.

- "Wipe and Fold," by Ron Fleischer, Chicago. A 90-second mock public service announcement informing children how to conserve toilet paper.

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