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Zombie flick latest for SFU alumnus

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Brace yourself; the Zombies are coming. Fido, an internationally-acclaimed comedy film by SFU alumnus Andrew Currie, opens in theatres across Canada this week. Those who dress in zombie attire can attend a free private screening on Thursday March 15 at 7 p.m. at the Burrard Street Paramount Theatre.

The satirical film follows the friendship of a domesticated zombie named Fido and a young boy, played by actor K'Sun Ray. His mother, Carrie-Ann Moss, hires the zombie, played by actor Billy Connolly, who saves the boy from local bullies.

The film received accolades at the Sundance Film Festival and won for best score at the Gerardmer International Film Festival. It's the latest in the Vancouver director's successful film career. Mile Zero, his directorial debut, opened the 2001 Vancouver International Film Festival's Canadian Images Program. He won the Telefilm Canada award for best director for Night of the Living at the 1997 Vancouver festival.

"I began my film career at SFU making student films," says Currie. "It was a great place to learn because the teachers made me feel that anything was possible, and everything was worth trying. "It really defined my whole approach to films: try something different - even if you fail, you do so with the knowledge that you were at the very least, unique." Fido opens March 16 at the Paramount, Silvercity Riverport and Park and Tilford in North Vancouver (check showtimes). Currie will be speaking at the celuloid social club night at the Anza club on March 21 and will address film students at SFU on March 20. For more details check <http://fidothemovie.com/> or go to www.firstweekendclub.ca to find out about more contests and other Fido events.