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Students of Enrico Ferme High protest the ban on Zombies.

THE DANCING DEAD

'ZOMBIE PROM,' AN ALARMING ANECDOTE TO ATOMIC ADOLESCENT ANGST, RUNS NOV. 19-24 IN STAGE ONE

BY AWE STAFF REPORTS

GRYMES HILL — Fans of “The Walking Dead” have a shot at expanding their horizons next week.

The Wagner College Theatre program continues its 45th season with a production of the girl-loves-ghoul rock ‘n’ roll musical, “Zombie Prom,” running Nov. 19-24 in the Stage One studio theater.

Set in the Atomic ‘50s, “Zombie Prom” is the tale of a sweet, Gidget-like teenage girl named Toffee (Adena Ershow), and her “rebel without a cause” boyfriend, Jonny (Brad Cashman).

The two meet at Enrico Fermi High School and fall in love, but the principal, Miss Delilah Strict (Bronwyn Whittle) intervenes, persuading the indecisive young Toffee to break up with Jonny. Tortured by the betrayal, Jonny drives his motorcycle to the nearby nuclear power plant and flings himself from the top of a cooling tower.



Adina Ershow and Brad Cashman are the teen lovers in “Zombie Prom.”

Guilt-ridden and alone, Toffee mourns the loss of her love until, one day, Jonny returns, risen from the dead as a teenage nuclear zombie — and the fun begins!

Directed by Wagner theater professor Mickey Tennenbaum, with choreography by Lee Tennenbaum Schnall and music direction by Matthew Hosmer,

“Zombie Prom” features music by Dana P. Rowe and book and lyrics by John Dempsey, based on a story by Dempsey and Hugh Murphy.

The ensemble features performance majors Arielle Gordon (Candy), Ailsa Hoke (Coco), Gregory Ippolito (Jake), Becky Kalman (Ginger), Dan Kriss (Joey), T.J. Lamando (Josh) and Joe O’Malley (Eddie Flagrante).

The production design team includes Alison Savino (sets), Brendan McCann (costumes) and Sara Bandurian (lights). Brendan Stackhouse is assistant director, and Lisa Angell is production stage manager.

Showtimes for “Zombie Prom” are Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinees Saturday and Sunday. All tickets are \$10.

The WCT box office can be contacted at 718-390-3259 or boxoffice@wagner.edu. Box office hours are Monday through Friday, 12 to 4 p.m. Wagner College students, faculty and staff attend free with current ID.