

# ABOUT

**Z**ero World is a retro sci-fi comedy series that can be enjoyed by children of all ages! It's a wacky, zany world with a host of fun characters reminiscent of an earlier age. Retro futurism at its best, everyone can have a laugh at this quirky world that is sure to spark the imagination of young and old alike!

Inspired by the old time cliffhanger serials of the 40's and 50's, Zero World combines 1950's B-movie visuals with 1960's TV humor. This black and white series boasts a 'Star Wars' sized universe with over 50 characters.





## **M**ORE THAN JUST A BLAST FROM THE PAST...

But don't be fooled, while Zero World definitely borrows some flavors from classic, vintage influences, it also has a unique, cohesive flavor all its own in a rich, fully realized world that goes far beyond gimmick or mimicry.

As an unintended bonus, the retro styling of Zero World allows for **EASY, FAST, and INEXPENSIVE** (by industry standards) production.

### **PANDEMIC PROOF!**

With most big film productions shutting down during Covid 19, the demand for content has never been higher.

We are happy to say that the ability to produce fun, new episodes of 'Adventures in Zeroworld' has not been affected.

In fact, the episode entitled '**Zombie Virus from Outer Space**', featuring the Mannequin Gangsters, was written, shot and edited during shelter at home in the month of April 2020.



# **WHERE IT ALL BEGINS...**

## **The Origins of Zeroworld and Actor Zero**

**It's 1948 and washed up serial actor Elmo Calabash goes from zero to hero as he attempts to save the universe from total destruction. With the help of a reluctant wardrobe girl and the aid of his Cosmic TV Guide, he takes on a host of bizarre villains, including the evil Skull Captain and his army of darkness.**

**This 'origins' story which was written as a feature length script, introduces many of the characters which populate Zero World, including Actor Zero, the Cosmic TV Guide and the Mannequin Gangsters.**

**Many of the Zero World villains also have their beginnings in the 'origins' story. Included among them are Telepathiko, Crazy Cube, Invisa Belle, Goggles, Robot Head, Doll Face, Calvin Crown, 20 Fingers and Xandar the Mysterious.**

**While numerous Zero World stories are written to include a wide variety of different characters, there are also a select few who are featured in their own ongoing episodes. Among them are Actor Zero, the Mannequin Gangsters and Captain Cake.**

# FEATURED CHARACTERS

## ACTOR ZERO

**T**he year is 2960 and Actor Zero, an aging serial actor from the 1940's, finds himself playing a brand new role in a world beyond his wildest imaginings. Using his transdimensional time device Actor Zero travels through time and space and is joined on his zany adventures by the Cosmic TV Guide and his sidekick Speedy, a 'ping pong ball' sized thoughtform from the 10th dimension.



Actor Zero



Speedy



Cosmic TV Guide

QUEEN OF FLATONIA

You have strange ways indeed. Are you from the Outlands?

ACTOR ZERO

No...

People gasp.

ACTOR ZERO

I mean yes...

People gasp.

HIGH ADVISOR 1

Are you a member of the rebel alliance?

ACTOR ZERO

No, I'm a member of the screen actor's guild.

HIGH ADVISOR 2

From whence in the outlands do you hail? Black sector? White sector?

ACTOR ZERO

Yes.

HIGH ADVISOR 1

Which one?

HIGH ADVISOR 2

They are both enemies of the crown.

ACTOR ZERO

Then I'm from gray sector.

HIGH ADVISOR 1

There is no gray sector!

HIGH ADVISOR 2

He speaks not the truth and therefore cannot be trusted.

QUEEN OF FLATONIA

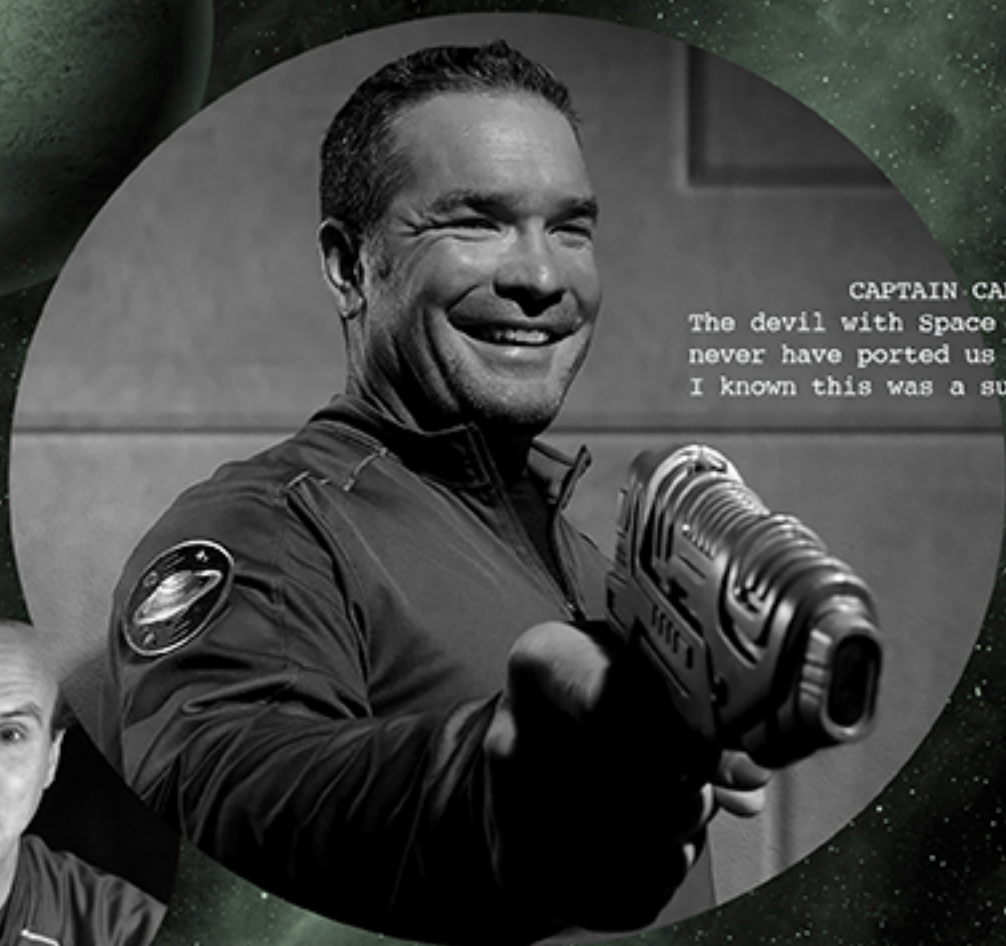
Take him away!

# FEATURED CHARACTERS

## CAPTAIN CAKE

**S**paceship Captain J. Evermore Cake and his trusty crew of the Alpha Dog, vigilantly patrol Quadrant X, a section of the galaxy, which includes a wide variety of alien life forms and the ever important Zero World, a portal planet that leads to other star systems.

Accompanying Captain Cake on his journeys through outer space is his always loyal second in command Lt. Abercrombie, his high maintenance communications officer Enter Stella, and the always cynical Crewman Gimmel.



CAPTAIN CAKE

The devil with Space Fleet. I would never have ported us down here had I known this was a suicide mission.



Lt. Abercrombie

Captain J. Evermore Cake

INT. DARK CORRIDOR - NIGHT

Crewman Gimmel points down to the ground.

CREWMAN GIMMEL

Captain look, some kind of mineral deposit.

Captain Cake bends down and touches the powdery white substance with his fingers. He puts a finger to his tongue.

CAPTAIN CAKE

Tastes like salt.

LT. ABERCROMBIE

According to my five in one scanner that mineral deposit is the last remains of Crewman 2.

Captain Cake spits the salty powder out of his mouth.

CREWMAN GIMMEL

Instantaneous crystallization...

LT. ABERCROMBIE

Geez...What a way to go.

Captain Cake wipes his mouth with his sleeve.

CAPTAIN CAKE

Did anyone bring water?

They both shake their heads 'no'.

CAPTAIN CAKE

How about a breath mint?

CREWMAN GIMMEL

I have some back on the ship, which is where we should all be right now.

(beat)

Captain, we're no match for this shape shifting alien vampire.

Lt. Abercrombie grabs Crewman Gimmel.

LT. ABERCROMBIE

Careful, you're standing in Crewman 2.

# FEATURED CHARACTERS

## THE MANNEQUIN GANGSTERS

**A**rriving on Zeroworld from the negative dimension of Minus 2, Mannequin Gangsters Monday, Hammer, Empire, Clutch and Little Mick, find themselves stranded in a strange new world populated by an assortment of unusual 'squirmfaced' alien beings.



Clutch



Monday



Little Mick



Hammer



Empire



INT. PROFESSOR ANDROMEDA'S LABORATORY — DAY

CLOSE ON a large black, box with strange knobs and dials on it.

PROFESSOR ANDROMEDA

At this stage of the game you have to be very careful because whoever or whatever else is trapped inside of that portal will also be able to come out.

(beat)

We could be opening up an unimaginable Pandora's box of monsters and aliens.

EMPIRE THE MANNEQUIN GANGSTER

I don't care about this Pandora dame or her box. If this thing can open up the portal, I say we do it. Our pals are counting on us to get um out of there.

PROFESSOR ANDROMEDA

Then there's also the legalities to consider.

EMPIRE THE MANNEQUIN GANGSTER

What are you talking about?

PROFESSOR ANDROMEDA

I don't have a license to operate this unit.

EMPIRE THE MANNEQUIN GANGSTER

So?

PROFESSOR ANDROMEDA

So, we would be breaking several laws and could get into a world of trouble with the authorities, especially if we release a life form out into the world that has been classified as harmful or dangerous.

(beat)

We'd be responsible for any resulting injuries, deaths or damages.

EMPIRE THE MANNEQUIN GANGSTER

You need to be a little less 'goody-two-shoes' and a little more 'Dr. Frankenstein'.

(beat)

You get what I'm saying?

# FORMATS



## The Streaming Market

**Because of its flexibility in run time formats, Zero World is capable of being released in a feature length format, and with minor modifications, that same 90 minute film can be broken up into 5 minute, serialized, cliff hanger chapters, a perfect run time to capture and engage the small screen streaming audience.**

## G Rating

**And with its family friendly content, Zero World can be enjoyed by kids of all ages!**



# MERCHANDISING

## LOTS OF COOL STUFF!

As one might imagine in a sci-fi story universe this **BIG**, there are an abundance of merchandising opportunities.

- **DVD's of movies/episodes**
- **Digital Downloads of movies/episodes**
- **ZERO HOUR audio podcast of chapters/episodes**
- **50 trading/game cards of Zero World characters**
- **Posters, lobby cards**
- **T-shirts**
- **Coffee Mugs**
- **Comics**
- **Action Figures**
- **Various toys based on Zero World props**
- **And so much more!**



# THE TEAM

## **Alan Ray**

Writer/Director/Producer & Creator of ZERO WORLD

## **Heath Allyn**

Producer, Composer, Actor

## **Eric Robbins**

Producer, Marketing, Actor

