

Fry's Productions seeking 'triple threats' for new music video

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Videographer and producer Derek Fry, of Fry's Productions, is at it again, making another cover of a song into a music video. The song is a remake of the song, "Rotten to the Core," from Disney's "Descendants" and will be filmed Oct. 8 at Fiddler's Grove at the Wilson County Fairgrounds.

In preparation for the video, Fry is currently seeking what is known in the entertainment industry as "triple threats," those who can sing, dance and act.

He starts with creating a casting call with a list of characters needed. Once he has set a date and has found a location, he shares the casting call information with numerous Facebook casting groups. After that, actors submit their headshot, resume, and singing video for consideration.

"We are looking for actors, singers, and dancers," he said. "The choreography is going to be one of the hardest we've ever had, so we need dancers who are focused and willing to work."

He said he is also looking for actors to be extras, playing villagers on the Isle of the Lost. For the video, he will only consider those 13 years or older for the younger roles and those 18 and up for the adults.

The plot of the movie is that a benevolent teenager who offers a chance of redemption to classic Disney villains such as Cruella De Vil from "101 Dalmations" and the evil queen from "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

Fry appreciates the work of film director Kenny Ortega, who directed "Descendants," which is one reason he chose the song. The other is the passing of a Disney star.

"I thought about maybe doing something else until the passing of the Disney Channel actor, Cameron Boyce, who played Carlos in all of the "Descendants" movies," Fry said. "This is our way of honoring his legacy."

There is no pay for the job, but it is an opportunity for actors to get on-set experience, he said. It is a way for actors to build their resumes and demo reels, which show directors their experience.

"If you're looking to start off your acting career, the best way to start is to build your resume," Fry said. "Actors with little to no experience usually try out for unpaid roles locally. Paid gigs come with time and lots of past experience and training."

Fry's Productions' past videos include "Thriller" from Michael Jackson, "I Put a Spell on You" from Hocus Pocus, and "All for One" from High School Musical 2.

To apply for a chance to be in the video, those interested should send a resume, headshot, age, height, and a short singing video to Derekf2102@outlook.com.