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GENRE:

PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER/HORROR

THEME:

- PSYCHOLOGICAL FRAGILITY
- STALKING

Comparable Titles: *Flight Club* (1999) vs. *Scream* (1996)

Friends List explores the fragile boundaries between reality and mental dissociation through Lexa Rhodes, a troubled graduate student and political campaigner. Alongside her friends, the "Magnificent Seven," she celebrates their successful campaign for their Senator, but their festive retreat quickly spirals into a nightmare.

An anonymous yet vengeful killer begins systematically eliminating Lexa's friends, targeting them in the order they appear on her social media friends list, turning their once-safe virtual space into a deadly hit list. As panic sets in, Lexa's psychological state deteriorates, haunted by traumatic memories of her parents' death and influenced by her overprotective twin brother, Alex, and her manipulative psychiatrist, Dr. Cross.

As the body count rises, Lexa struggles to protect her friends while confronting her own unraveling sanity. Each murder dredges up buried emotions, forcing her to question her reality. With the killer closing in, Lexa faces an impossible choice—save her friends or save herself.

In this gripping thriller, themes of stalking, survival, and the thin line between reality and paranoia collide, leading to a shocking twist that reveals Lexa's battle with **dissociative identity disorder**, formerly known as multiple personality disorder. This revelation recontextualizes her experiences and interactions, challenging viewers to reflect on identity, trauma, and the hidden depths of the human mind in a world where friendship can quickly turn deadly.

GAPTIVATING AUDIENCES MARKETABIUM & FRANCHISE POTENTIAL

Friends List is more than a traditional horror film—it merges the fast-paced, visceral thrills of horror with the intellectual depth of a psychological thriller.

FRIENDS LIST has several key hooks:

- A) A unique high-concept story that is quick paced, thrilling, and easy to picture
- B) A memorable and **surprising twist ending** (leaving the door <u>open for a potential</u> <u>franchise</u>)
- C) Topical themes *psychological fragility* and *stalking*, which creates <u>emotional</u> <u>connection</u> as it <u>explores the darker side of human interaction</u>

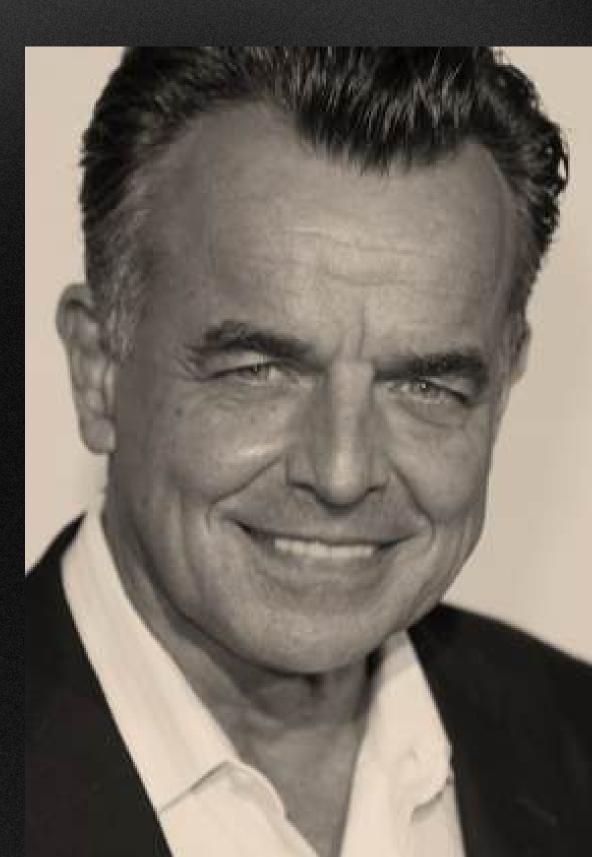


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DR. JAMES CROSS is Lexa's psychiatrist, who manipulates her from behind the scenes, exploiting her trauma for his own twisted purposes. As the story unfolds, he becomes more than just a guiding figure—he is a predator, molding Lexa's mind to suit his needs while hiding his own monstrous secrets.

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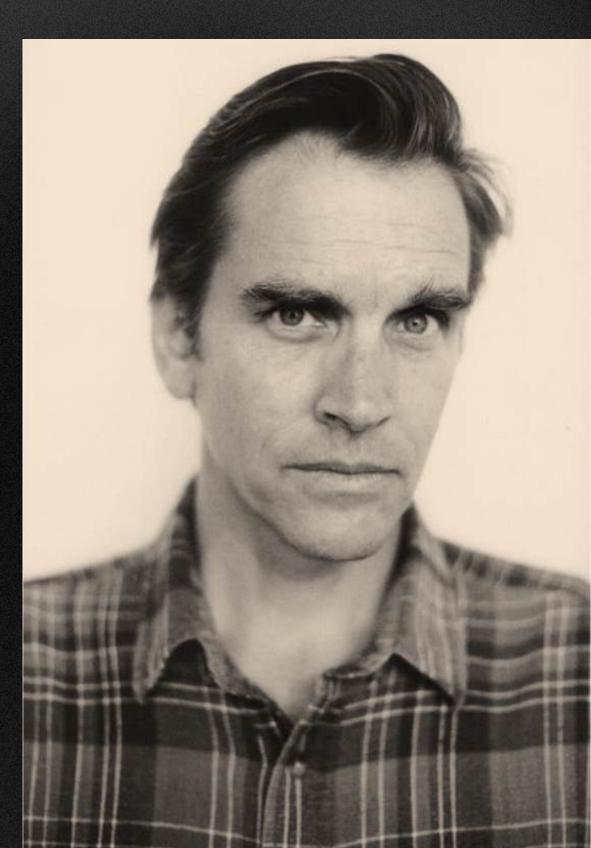
RAY WISE is a seasoned veteran of both film and television, renowned for his chilling portrayal of Leland Palmer in David Lynch's cult series Twin Peaks. He has become a recognizable force in the horror and thriller genres, with standout roles in Jeepers Creepers 2, RoboCop, and X-Men: First Class. With a career that spans more than 50 years, Ray brings gravitas and depth to every role, making him one of the most versatile actors in the industry. Wise's ability to seamlessly transition between sympathetic characters and terrifying villains makes him the perfect fit for Friends List, where his presence will instantly elevate the film's tension and appeal to both genre fans and critics alike.



CLAUDE RHODES is a sensitive and caring man who is uncle to Lexa and Alex. Claude is very overprotective of Lexa; he doesn't think that she is ready to break out on her own, to a point where she feels he is trapping her in their home. His cheerful demeanor masks the pain his psyche has endured over the years from concealing the dreadful secret of his niece's true nature – and that of his nephew.

Formally Attached:

BILL MOSELEY is a true horror icon. celebrated for his unforgettable roles in cult classics such as The Texas Chainsaw Massacre 2 and Rob Zombie's House of 1000 Corpses and The Devil's Rejects. Known for his portrayal of deranged and deeply unsettling characters, Moseley has become a fan favorite in the genre, particularly for his portrayal of Chop Top, which remains one of the most memorable performances in horror history. His work has garnered a loyal following, and his collaborations with Rob Zombie have cemented his status as one of the most prolific actors in horror. Bill's participation in Friends List brings an edge and intensity that will undoubtedly captivate horror aficionados.



AMANDA RHODES is a striking woman and aunt to Lexa and Alex. She has always been like a friend or older sister to Lexa – this was her way of "keeping up the appearance" that she was not trying to replace her niece's mother. Amanda is a devout Christian woman who often uses quotes from the bible to validate her opinions. But her devotion to the Lord has not eased her years of pain from dealing with what she suspects is the truth of what happened to Lexa's and Alex's.

Formally Attached:

CAROLINE WILLIAMS is a celebrated scream queen, best known for her lead role as Stretch in Tobe Hooper's The Texas Chainsaw Massacre 2. Her career, marked by standout performances in films like Stepfather II, Leprechaun 3, and Days of Thunder, showcases her incredible range in both horror and mainstream cinema. With decades of experience under her belt, Caroline has remained a powerful presence in the horror genre, admired for her ability to embody strong, resilient characters in the face of terror. Her work with some of the greatest directors in horror history has made her a respected figure within the industry, and her inclusion in Friends List adds both credibility and a nostalgic nod to fans of classic horror.



JOHN BRIEFING STATES

LEXA RHODES, a timid and curious grad student, is a member of the Magnificent Seven, the seven campaign workers who successfully spearheaded the campaign for a newly elected senator. Lexa and her twin brother lost their parents in a fire at their family cabin when they were little. Since then, they have been living with their aunt and uncle. Lexa is a troubled young woman who is torn between her devotion to her clinging twin brother and her desire for a life of her own.

ALEX RHODES is Lexa's obsessive and co-dependent twin brother. Alex's whole world revolves around his twin since the deaths of their parents. He despises his sister's psychiatrist, Dr. Cross, and often attempts to dissuade her from attending her sessions with him. Alex is devastated at the notion of Lexa leaving for the Thanksgiving holiday; even though they attend different colleges, which was at the behest of Dr. Cross, the twins have never missed spending a holiday together.brother and her desire for a life of her own, on her own.

Formally Attached:

JORDAN CATHRYN is a multifaceted actress with over 13 years of experience in film and theater. She began her career in theater, building a strong foundation in performance, before landing her first principal role in the SAG feature Finding The Zone (2022). Since then, Jordan has taken on lead roles in several short films, consistently demonstrating her versatility. She specializes in portraying characters grappling with internal struggles and complex underlying motives. Jordan's commitment to exploring psychological depth ensures a captivating and emotionally compelling performance as the lead in Friends List.



CAPTAIN STYLES is a career-oriented woman whose all-business demeanor masks a razor-sharp sarcastic wit. Styles has an inherent disdain for the younger generation and the wealthy which she lets slip from time to time. Unbeknownst to her law enforcement co-workers, she is marred by psychological scars from a horrid childhood trauma which she keeps buried deep inside and has yet to address – let alone resolve.

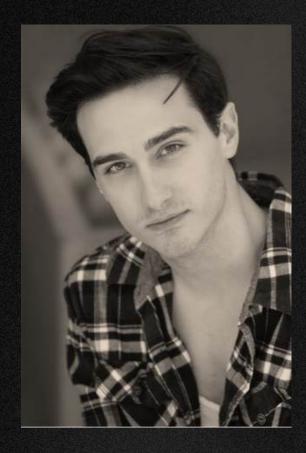
Actresses Interested in the Role When Fully Funded:

- UMA THURMAN <u>Pulp Fiction</u> (1995), <u>Kill Bill Vol 1 & 2</u> (2003, 2004), <u>Batman & Robin</u> (1997)
- LIN SHAYE *Previously Attached in the Role Insidious Franchise (5 movies 2010-2023), <u>Dead End</u> (2023)





All Formally Attached



BOBBY BURKICH as
PALMER RANDOLPH

A spoiled, entitled rich kid who relies on his family's fortune for everything in life, leading to a shallow and dependent personality.

Part of the Magnificent Seven.



MOLLY CARPENTER
as
PAIGE TURNER

A seductive and ambitious grad student entangled in a dangerous affair with the senator, driven by vanity and ambition. Part of the Magnificent Seven.



NATHAN CORRELL as BASTIAN SHADWELL

The "bad boy" of the group with a sardonic cynical personality. His aspirations for wealth and notoriety were fueled by his meager and humble childhood upbringing. Part of the Magnificent Seven.



YELENA FRIEDMAN as CASSIE LOVETTE

A resilient and tech-savvy grad student who, despite her blindness, achieves academic perfection while grappling with insecurities. Part of the Magnificent Seven.



NATALIE COLLINS as KIMBERLY CLARK

A loyal best friend caught in a secret emotional turmoil, torn between her committed relationship and an unspoken desire for her best friend, Lexa. Part of the Magnificent Seven.



EMMA KOTOS as DELIA DENTON

A bold and cunning eighteen-year-old gold-digger with a singular focus: using her allure to secure a life of luxury with men who meet her astronomical standards.





Writer/Director/Producer

Rob is a lifelong horror fanatic with a deep understanding of the genre. Drawing inspiration from icons like John Carpenter and Wes Craven, Rob has written multiple screenplays and adapted Friends List into a novel before turning it into a film. His passion for dark, psychological narratives ensures that Friends List will captivate both horror fans and general audiences.

Executive Producer

With over thirteen years of experience in the industry, Jordan has worn multiple hats as both talent and producer. Her ability to balance creativity with business acumen gives her a unique advantage in guiding this project. Jordan's hands-on involvement guarantees a film that not only delivers commercially but also stays true to its artistic roots.

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Producer

With 20+ years of experience producing international feature films, TV series, and documentaries, George brings a wealth of production expertise to Friends List. His background in managing large-scale projects ensures that the film's production will be both efficient and world-class. George is known for Voices in the Deep (2023), The Hunted (2024), and The Giaour (2024).

PAREZIA

*To be formally attached when fully funded

Producer

Known for producing work on <u>Unhuman (2022), Torn Hearts (2022)</u>, and Blumhouse's <u>The First Purge (2018)</u>. Her earlier credits include <u>Black Box (2020)</u>, <u>The War with Grandpa (2020)</u>, and the Oscar-nominated <u>Mudbound (2017)</u>. Her background spans both elevated horror and prestige drama.

Visually, Friends List will adopt a <u>tense, fragmented style</u>, mirroring Lexa's deteriorating mental state. Drawing inspiration from films like *Black Swan, The Invisible Man*, and *Maxxine*, the film will use distorted visuals and eerie, disjointed sound design to blur the line between Lexa's reality and her hallucinations.

Each death sequence will become <u>progressively surreal, evoking the feeling of a nightmare</u> in which both Lexa and the audience are trapped.

Cinematography will utilize mirroring and selective focus to highlight the duality of Lexa and her twin brother, Alex, visually representing the fragmented nature of Lexa's mind. Blurred edges and distorted reflections will reinforce Alex's psychological influence on Lexa.

The meticulously curated **soundtrack** and score will amplify emotional depth, with unsettling ambient sounds and escalating tension during murder sequences. As Lexa's psychological state deteriorates, the music will grow more dissonant, blurring the lines between horror and mental instability.



PRODUCTION DETAILS

Pre-Production – 12 weeks (5-day weeks)

Production – 20 days (4 five-day weeks)

Post-Production – 12 weeks (5-day weeks)

Picture Lock (Total Time for Finished Product) – 7 months

Sellable film within 8 months of capitalization

Profit Projection: FRIENDS LIST is profitable within 14 months of funding

Friends List is primed for a <u>theatrical-first release strategy</u>. Horror films thrive in a cinematic setting, where the **immersive experience amplifies tension and fear, enhancing the film's visuals and psychological depth.**

With genre icons like Ray Wise and an equally big name in the role of Captain Styles, Friends List becomes a <u>must-see for horror fans</u>. The limited theatrical release, along with a strategic promotional campaign, will generate significant buzz. After its run, the film will transition to streaming platforms such as Netflix, Hulu, and Shudder, expanding its reach to our target audience.



"HORROR MOVIES ARE THE MOST PROFITABLE GENRE"

- Will Palmer, Movio CEO, at the American Film Market

Horror's Box Office Power

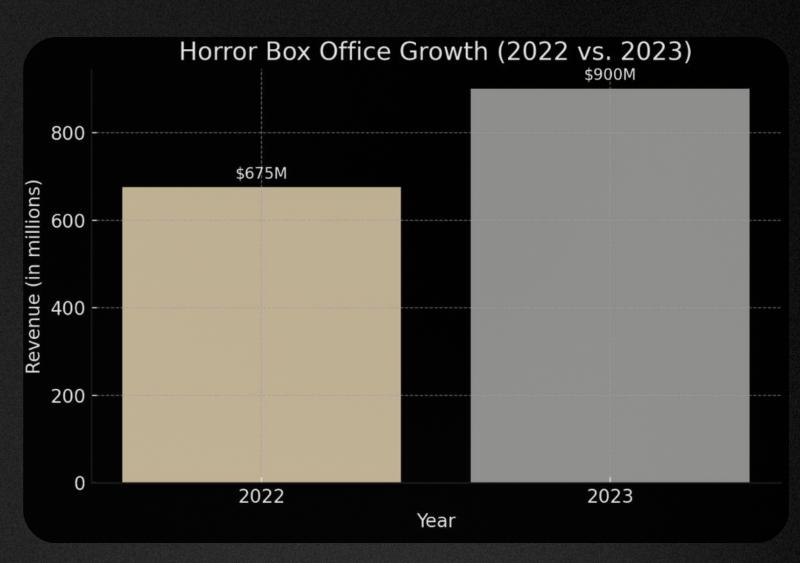
Horror is a consistent box office performer. In 2023 alone, horror films grossed nearly \$900 million in the U.S, and stayed consistant through 2024. Horror makes up 10% of US box office earnings, surpassing \$9 Billion

Target Audience

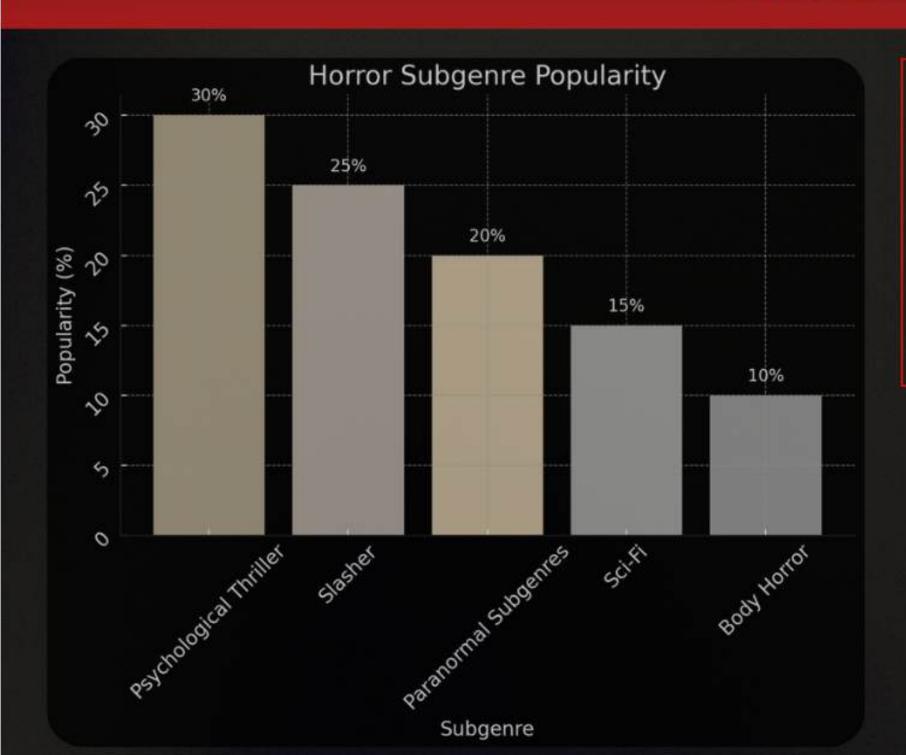
• The genre attracts a dedicated, younger audience—primarily aged 15–25—who <u>frequently return to theaters</u> for the latest releases.

How Friends List Fits

- Friends List is crafted specifically to tap into this demographic with its fast-paced, high-concept story and psychological elements. This ensures it <u>appeals to the core horror audience</u>.
- We also <u>target the older generations</u> that will be drawn in by a <u>cast they recognize</u>.



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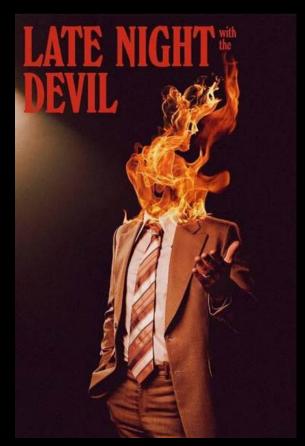


Diverse Genre Appeal

 Friends List blends psychological thrillers, suspense, slasher horror, and touches of sci-fi elements, appealing to a wide variety of horror fans.

Broad Audience Reach

 With 60% of Americans enjoying at least one horror subgenre, Friends List is positioned to <u>exceed audience</u> <u>expectations</u>, ensuring a memorable and <u>re-watchable experience</u>.



Late Night with the Devil (2023)



MAXXXINE (2024)



SPLIT (2016)



Talk To Me (2022)



Fight Club (1999)



Missing (2023)



Barbarian (2022)



Pearl (2022)



Scream (1996)

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