



BLOODY GOOD TIMES:  
Ray Santiago on set  
and with costar Dana  
DeLorenzo (inset).

# THE ROCKIN' DEAD

RAY SANTIAGO OF STARZ'S HORROR SHOW *ASH VS EVIL DEAD* UNLEASHES HIS DEVILISH HALLOWEEN PLAYLIST.

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## "ROCK LOBSTER" THE B-52S

"This reminds me of cutting class when I was 15 or 16 and going to my friend's Halloween party," says the Nuyorican. "I was dressed as Tarzan, and I was dancing with one of my best friends, Alex, while she shook her hair all around."

**Fact:** Santiago's alma mater is NYC's music, art, and performing arts high school LaGuardia Arts—the *Fame* school. He nurtured his love of acting in its renowned drama program.

## "BRUJERIA" EL GRAN COMBO

"I have vivid memories of my grandfather playing this on Halloween while trick-or-treaters came by," Santiago says. "Picture my grandpa drinking his beer and dancing to 'Brujeria' with my grandma!"

**Fact:** Santiago credits his belief in the supernatural to his paternal grandmother, a practicing santera who worshipped Santa Barbara and held devotion parties for her girlfriends.

## "HEADS WILL ROLL" YEAH YEAH YEAHS

"It's a creepy song that reminds me of Halloween in L.A., which is pretty epic," says the Bronx native. "I get dressed up every year. Once I was Obama, and last year I was Mighty Mouse."

**Fact:** In the new Starz series *Ash vs Evil Dead*, Santiago plays Pablo Simon Bolivar, the idealistic, ass-kicking amigo who's helping an elite undead killer (Bruce Campbell) fight evil spirits. Heads will roll, indeed.

## THE THEME SONG FOR THE *ADDAMS FAMILY* VIC MIZZY

"Raúl Juliá inspired me," Santiago says. "He sings, tangos, and has impeccable comedic timing. You can really see how versatile he is in this film."

**Fact:** In addition to Juliá, Santiago was greatly inspired by fellow Latino actor John Leguizamo, with whom he worked on the TV series *My Name Is Earl*.

## "ZOMBIE JAMBOREE" HARRY BELAFONTE

"It's a great song for a party because it will get you moving," he says. "It has a salsa-bongo situation happening, and it's quirky but funky."

**Fact:** While he uses all kinds of music and artists to inspire various aspects of his life, Santiago tends to favor male vocalists whose man-to-man storytelling strikes a more personal chord.

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