



# Newport **ROCKY**



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## WELCOME TO THE MIDNIGHT MADNESS

The Rocky Horror Picture Show has returned to the city of Newport thanks to the efforts of the Flickers Film Society. Those of you who have already seen the movie know what you are in for, while those of you who haven't are about to lose your virginity. Nothing will ever be the same. The movie will be here for 2 weeks (4 showings), so grab all the midnight madness you can while it lasts!

### WHO

The cast you will see performing is the same cast that also performs at the Warwick Mall right now (except this weekend, and maybe next weekend). There are really two different casts, one for Friday and one for Saturday. Sometimes, cast members from one night go on another night when needed. And sometimes cast members double up on parts when substitutes are not available and no one in the audience dares to fill in for us.

Right this second, there are 20 cast members. Fifteen of them are permanent, and 5 of them are substitutes. There are only 3 cast members who are permanent both nights. I could have said there are 25 or 30 cast members, depending on who is still considered a substitute to call on. You see, once you've done the show and joined the cast, you're never really out of it. You might go 2 years without doing it, then get called back one night.

The people in the cast come from 3 different states (RI, Conn, and Mass). Their experience is varied from doing 2 shows to doing hundreds of shows. The cast now in Warwick has basically been together since April of 1983 and gone through 4 theatres since then. The people who joined that cast in April of 1983 were the products of many casts from many places (Providence, Groton, and Newport casts) and from many times before that. We have joined the forces of the show everywhere into one giant melting pot!

### WHAT

The RHPS was a movie, just like any other movie, put out in 1975. Quite sadly, it bombed. But, later, it began to form a consistent following. Eventually it was moved to the midnight slot on Friday and Saturday nights in some theatres. It grew even more popular, so popular that audience members started coming to the show dressed up like the characters in the movie. Eventually, some people dressed up as the characters got up in front of the theatre and, as the movie was being shown, mimicked the movie. These people formed the first casts.

### WHERE

The RHPS is shown all throughout the English-speaking world. It is also shown in non-English speaking lands too, such as Japan. Around here, the movie started in Newport's Jane Pickins Theatre (Hello, Mr. Jarvis!) in the summer of 1976. It ran there 6 months a year (April - October) until 1981, when it continued on permanently until July of 1982. The closest it is showing to Newport right now is at the Warwick Mall, Cinemas I & II.

### WHEN

Friday and Saturday nights here for the next 2 weeks at midnight.

Friday and Saturday nights at the Warwick Mall every week at midnight.

### WHY

God only knows.