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ROCKY RULES OF ETIQUETTE

Throughout "Rocky Horror," the audience has numerous opportunities to play havoc with the dialogue. As a rule of thumb, time your responses to match the pace of the movie character's lines. So, for example, when Janet is speaking to Brad in the Laboratory and says, "How could I have done this to you?", you reply (without stepping on Janet's or Brad's lines) "It was easy. But it would have been easier without the pantyhose."

Many audience responses have become more or less 'official.' There is, however, some room to freelance...to adlib your own answers and variations. But, remember, everyone's there to have fun. So go with the flow. Repeating the same responses too many times is boring. And turning the experience into a shouting match will only ruin it for everyone.

The difference between a true RHPS fan and someone just out for a rowdy time can be seen in their manners and etiquette. Here are some guidelines that should be deemed necessary by anyone looking to perpetuate our experiences of absolute pleasure.

1) Throwing rice, toilet paper, water, etc. is part of the fun. It is not meant to harm people, ruin someone's make-up or costumes, or cause damage to the theater.

2) Never make fun of someone for "dressing up" -- especially if their costume or make-up is not exact. The point is that their heart is in it and this might discourage them or others from ever returning in costume. And that's what this cult's all about, isn't it?

3) If you portray a certain character in your theater or its performing group, don't get angry or jealous if someone else comes dressed as that character. Remember that the movie and its characters are not your exclusive property. When you think about it, any resentment is hypocritical to your own "dressing up."

4) Respect the wishes of the theater and its management. Vandalism and the breaking of rules might not only lead to your ejection, but to the closing of the film. This would only be spoiling it for everyone.

5) If visitors from other theaters or areas come to visit, don't try to "shout them down." Respect the fact that they might yell different "lines." Why, you might even find some new ones more preferable to your own.

6) Calling Brad an "asshole" and "neck line" to the criminologist are funny in their proper place, but should not be yelled every time you see these characters' faces. It does get boring and monotonous.

- taken from the Rocky Horror Picture Show poster

COOL OFF!

So far, the RHPS has shown 4 times in 2 weeks at the Meadowbrook Cinemas. So far, things have gone well, overall. One thing we DO need to work on though is audience behavior. The audience has been very good to the cast and has shown great enthusiasm toward the show. However, both the cast and theatre management would like to request a slight "Cooling Off" on some of the little wars

that have taken place in 3 of the 4 shows so far. This doesn't you still can't do anything or have a lot of fun and shouting. All we ask is that you don't hurt each other. A small modification would probably be enough.

The elimination of the "humming" of items such as toilet paper and rice would greatly help. The idea is to "toss," not "hum" the stuff. Just take it easy. Also, since you are limited as to how much water, rice, and toilet paper you can bring in, don't use it all up right away. The rice should be thrown at the wedding scene. The water squirted during the 2nd song, There's a Light. The toilet paper can be thrown after Brad shouts "Great Scott!"

Another idea that will be used at the Meadowbrook is a SANE SECTION, a section separate from the rest of the theatre where you can't throw anything from or into. This is for those people who would rather stay mellow for the night.

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