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ACTING, NO HACKING

The following article was written by Roy Rossi. It was written back in the Cumberland Twin Cinema days. It is reprinted from Rhode Island Rocky Vol. 2- No. 68.

If we can't do it right, we won't do it at all. This is the new cast goal for a standard of quality at the CTC. Since the days that the RHPS first began showing, there has been progress made. Problems that used to plague the cast (like irresponsibility, for example) have pretty much been solved. The next problem to tackle now is the elimination of what has been labeled "hacking". Hacking is simply the act of not trying your best. We can't expect cast members to be perfect, but we certainly can expect of them to get into character through both acting and costume. If people want to goof off, or if they are in a bad mood that night, or (goodness gracious) if they are tired, they can go buy a ticket just like the rest of the audience does and take a seat.

This new cast goal can not assure perfection, but the audience generally would rather see someone trying and making mistakes than someone blatantly screwing around, especially those who do it all night. We want to give the audience the best show possible. We want to make the cast more than just a social club. It has to be something of value to both you and us, and that means putting forth effort. Now let's see what happens.

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CHANGES

In the next few months, you will be seeing changes in the Rhode Island Cast. You will be seeing the donation can going around a lot more often. The money collected in the can will go to helping the cast improve. You may see the curtains over the exits fixed. You may see the floor lights fixed. You may see Columbia jump off a fake jukebox. You may see a transducer backdrop that Riff Raff can really use. You may see an actual chair for Frank to sit on instead of a wheelchair. You may see more room under the screen to store all these new props. My brain is full of ideas to make the show better for both the cast and the audience. But unfortunately, myself and maybe two other people in the cast are excited about doing this. Because nothing ever changes, cast members resort to goofing off to have fun. What these people don't realize is that I watch about five to ten people leave in the middle of the movie almost every Friday. Another reason people are leaving early is because they hardly ever see a full cast at the Meadowbrook anymore.

WE NEED MORE CAST MEMBERS!!!! Because of the lack of people coming up and saying "I want to be in the cast", we are making up applications. If you want to join, ask any cast member for an application and return it to any cast member or theater employee. The only qualification is that you try your best and no "HACKING" We already have all the goof-offs we need.

June 18th is the anniversary of the world premier of the play "The Rocky Horror Show" (1973)

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