

'Rocky Horror' keeps fans dancing in aisles

Talking back to a movie screen, dressing up as a trans-sexual alien, dancing to the instructions and diagrams of a criminologist — does any of this seem strange?

Well it should, even if you're familiar with it. Strange is not an adjective that *Rocky Horror* cultists, fans and fanatics would disdain.

Now celebrating its 15th anniversary, *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* has enjoyed popularity as a late-night feature in theaters across the country.

Many filmgoers — some seeing the show for the umpteenth time — will engage in a sort of audience participation with the film that includes dressing up as characters from the movie or acting out scenes in the aisles.

Other audience antics include talking back to the characters and giving advice, holding newspapers overhead while shooting water through squirt guns into the air, throwing props across the theater, and, of course, dancing to such memorable classics of rock'n'roll as "The Time Warp."

This film is a science fiction musical spoof that lampoons traditional social values. The hedonistic values of the main characters are also presented lightly throughout the picture, although the movie is obviously designed to shock the more conservative-minded viewers.

The 14 musical numbers, performed by the like of Tim Curry and Meatloaf, carry the film and account for much of its popularity. The music is witty and integrates well with the rest of the film, besides being great rock'n'roll.

Rocky Horror has traditionally drawn large crowds, especially around Halloween, and it is certainly worth experiencing at least once; but be careful, it can be addictive.

Rocky Horror is playing at the Bijou Arts Cinemas at midnight on Halloween.

—Andy Dunn



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It's just not as fun unless you can see the gore in color. A 1990 remake of George Romero's *Night of the Living Dead* is playing at two Eugene-Springfield theaters.

Local theaters offer frights galore

If you're not in the mood for trick or treaters knocking at your door but still want to get into the Halloween spirit, you can check out any of the four new and old horror films playing in local theaters this week.

Graveyard Shift (R) — This is the latest movie from Stephen

King, the classic horror story writer of our time, and follows the gruesome experiences of an unlucky night watchman. Workers in an isolated Maine town discover a terrifying creature living beneath a cemetery next to a mill. Brad Dourif (*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*) stars with Da-

vid Andrews, Stephen Macht and Kelly Wolf. Springfield Quad, 2005 Olympic St., Springfield, 726-9073 and Movieland, 808 Seneca St., 342-4142.

Exorcist III (R) — Written and directed by William Peter

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