

Back Stage: 'Rocky' director talks of process, family

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After Saturday's 'Rocky' show, the cast met outside to thank the audience in person as they left, shaking hands, selling T-shirts and generally winding down after their performance. Then, they migrated back inside for a Cabaret members' meeting, where they discussed and voted on internal business in a political format dictated by "Robert's Rules of Order," a set of rules that help the cast maintain order and fairness as they make decisions that effect

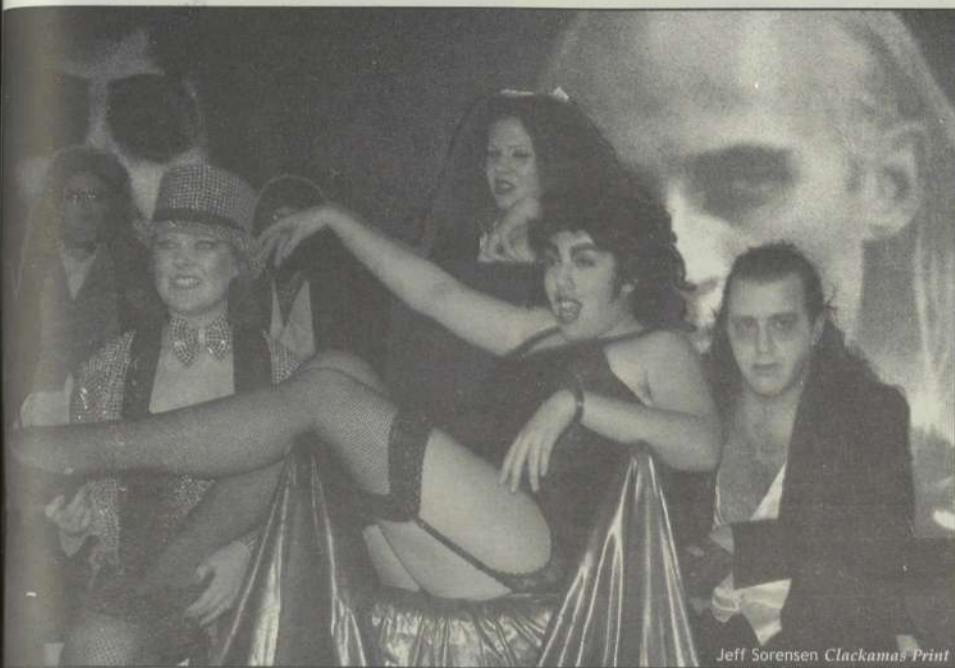
their own set of "bylaws." "We run by an Executive Council, so there's a director, a president, a secretary and a historian," said Director Kristina Freeman, who believes the bylaws were put into effect so the council wouldn't be able to take over and turn the cast into a tyranny. "A lot of things are explained in there. For instance, it says that before any public Cabaret event, you can't drink or use any type of drugs, and we have a 'Zero Tolerance' policy for that," Freeman said. "If somebody is late to a show three times in a row, they'll be expelled from the Cabaret," she added, "so it's basically a

way for the Executive Council to run things the same between each term. It's a basic set of rules, so things don't get out of hand and we have something to run by so we're not just guessing." Despite the raunchy humor, they pride themselves on keeping a family-oriented feel to their group, and with members ranging in age from 14 to early-50's, they enjoy a full range of individual talent. "A lot of people who get involved are your typical 'drama nerd,'" said Freeman, "but everybody brings their own sort of unique personality to the table, and it's nice. We enjoy it."

Rocky Horror gets a little more attention around Halloween every year, but the Rocky Show actors perform every Saturday night, all year long (as long as weather

permits). The Clinton Street Cabaret will be traveling to Lincoln City on Fri., Oct. 27 and will return to their home theater for their usual performance on Sat., Oct. 28.

BELOW and RIGHT: The cast of the Clinton Street Cabaret put on weekly stage adaptations of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," where their goal is to reproduce the scenes from the movie as accurately as possible without looking at the screen behind them.



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Oregon City haunted by Northwest Ghost Tours at night

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With Halloween fast approaching, being dead is once again "in," and Rocky Smith is reaping the benefits. Smith owns and is in charge of Northwest Ghost Tours and encourages people from near and far to come "walk with the spirits," here in Oregon City. The tour is comprised of a 20-block area that includes various historic sites such as the McLoughlin and Ermatinger House, along with

other distinguished "haunted" residences and locations. Also visited is the promenade overlooking downtown Oregon City and the Willamette Falls, smelly enough in its own regard that it has been known to scare off its share of tourists. The "spirit walk" is said to take roughly two hours and visits about 10 different significantly spooky locations. Smith's "spirit walk" combines historical facts about ancient Oregon City for the nerds and ghoulish appeal for the goths, or

those just trying to experience the Halloween ambiance. People have been reporting encounters with the supernatural in the designated area for quite some time, and most recently, even during some of the tours, curious things have reportedly occurred. Are these places truly haunted? Do the paranormal in fact exist? Is there any truth to the rumors and legends that have been passed along for so many years? Book a tour, and be the judge. Tickets for this event are \$12 per person. Tours are offered

at 7:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and also at 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday. Two tours will take place on Halloween - Tuesday, the 31st. Reservations and flashlights are

encouraged. Dress accordingly; it may never rain at Autzen Stadium, but everywhere else in Oregon is susceptible to sporadic downpours. For more information, visit: www.nwghosttours.com.



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leader of the Northwest Ghost Tours, Rocky Smith, weaves people throughout Oregon City, including the intimidating scenery of Willamette Falls and the the downtown section of the city. Tickets are \$12. Visit www.nwghosttours.com for more information.

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