THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW

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AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION GUIDE
Shout it – Throw it – Join the Show!

WELCOME, YOU UNCONVENTIONAL CONVENTIONALISTS!

Rocky Horror is not your average night at the movies. Nobody sits quietly. Yes, the movie is playing—but the real spectacle happens in front of the screen and all around the audience. This guide will show you when and how to join the fun.

PROPS

Depending on the venue, the following audience participation props are permitted. Most of them are only allowed at our outdoor (Open Air) shows.

RICE / CONFETTI (Open Air only!)

When: During the wedding scene at the beginning of the movie.

→ As Ralph and Betty leave the church... Throw your rice! Celebrate like you‘re attending the wedding yourself.

Please bring only a small packet of rice. Confetti is not permitted unless it is biodegradable.

NEWSPAPERS & WATER PISTOLS (Open Air only!)

When: When Brad and Janet leave the car and walk through the rain.

→ As soon as Janet holds the newspaper over her head, do the same.

→ Water pistols are used to create the rain effect.

Please note: Water pistols are not permitted indoors.

LIGHTERS • FLASHLIGHTS • PHONE LIGHTS

When: During „There‘s a Light (Over at the Frankenstein Place)“

→ Raise your light and gently wave it during the song.

At outdoor shows, lighters are welcome.

Indoors, please use ashlights or your phone‘s flashlight only.

NOISEMAKERS / AIR HORNS

When: During Frank‘s speech.

→ Whenever Frank‘s audience applauds... Make some noise! Cheer, honk, clap—whatever you‘ve got!

RUBBER GLOVES

When: During Dr. Frank-N-Furter‘s laboratory speech.

→ Every time Frank snaps on a rubber glove... Snap yours, too!

It‘s one of the oldest Rocky Horror traditions.

TOILET PAPER

When: During Rocky‘s unveiling.

→ As Rocky‘s bandages come off... Throw a roll of toilet paper!

Unroll it first—the longer it f lies, the better.

FLOUR (Open Air only!)

When: During Eddie‘s entrance, just before „Hot Patootie – Bless My Soul.“

→ As Eddie crashes through the freezer... Throw a handful of flour into the air!
Outdoor shows only.

LIGHTERS • FLASHLIGHTS • PHONE LIGHTS

When: During the bonus song „Once in a While“ (not performed at every show).

→ Wave your lights to cheer Brad on.
Please note: Open f lames are not permitted indoors. Please use f lashlights or your phone‘s f lashlight instead.

BALLOONS

When: During „Touch-a, Touch-a, Touch Me.“

→ When Rocky starts playing with Janet‘s balloons... Play with yours! Bounce them around, toss them in the air, and join the fun.

TOAST

When: During the dinner scene.

→ When Frank raises his glass and declares: „A toast! To absent friends!“ ...throw a piece of toast toward the stage. (Just the toast, please—not the plate!)

SPONGES

When: During Columbia‘s confrontation with Frank.

→ When Columbia shouts: „You‘re like a sponge! You take, take, take...“

...throw your sponge!

PLAYING CARDS

When: During „Going Home.“

→ As Frank sings: „...cards for sorrow, cards for pain...“ ...throw your playing cards into the air, following the gesture of his hand.

THE VIRGIN INITIATION

Is this your very first Rocky Horror show?

Congratulations! That makes you a Virgin. Don‘t panic—it simply means we‘ll be giving you a proper Rocky Horror welcome. Depending on the show, you may be invited on stage with the other Virgins ...or you may not. Either way, expect a short initiation that‘s equal parts embarrassing and hilarious.

→ Participation is mandatory—but completely harmless.

→ You will survive. We promise.

→ Afterwards, you‘ll officially lose your Virgin status.
Welcome to the family.

CALLBACKS

One of the greatest traditions of Rocky Horror is shouting Callbacks—witty, sarcastic, and often wonderfully ridiculous comments that interact with the movie and the characters on screen.

To help newcomers join the fun, many of our shows feature supertitles displaying traditional callbacks throughout the film.

You‘ll also find a collection of classic callbacks in our Callback Script. These are the lines that have been shouted by audiences around the world since the late 1970s, so you really can‘t go wrong.

That being said... original ideas are always welcome. If you‘ve got a funny comeback, don‘t keep it to yourself!

NOW WHAT?

Sit back. Or stand up. Sing. Shout. Laugh. Throw stuff.
There‘s no wrong way to experience Rocky Horror – except not showing up.

DON‘T DREAM IT. BE IT!