



THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW AT THE BULLET BAR A VIRGIN'S GUIDE

In the common world, the term "virgin" usually refers to a person who has not engaged in sexual relations. In the *ROCKY HORROR* world, this word refers to the unfortunate souls who have never experienced *THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW* in a theater with an audience and a live cast. Seeing it on home video (Blu-ray, DVD, Netflix, Amazon Prime, etc.) or on TV doesn't count!

If you've already seen the movie by itself on TV or home video and wondered what all the fuss was about, read on. If you haven't seen the movie on TV or home video - GREAT! The more surprised you are on your first time, the more fun it is.

Rocky Horror is the first and only true audience partici-[SAY IT!]-pation movie. People yell back lines at the screen during the extended pauses between dialogue, dress up in costume and act out the film, and throw props at various times during the film. The audience participation phenomenon was observed as early as the film's first run in 1975 (when it bombed during limited engagements in 7 of 8 cities), and was later re-released as a midnight movie on April 1, 1975 in New York City where the audience participation really began to flourish.

Enough history! You are interested in going, so **here's what you really need to know:**

First, the only thing you really need to bring your first time out in order to have fun is a sense of humor. You should dress in whatever makes YOU feel comfortable, but also does not violate any local standards (this means nudity is out).

But hey, what about the props and audience participation lines and dressing up in costume? Well, no one expects you to know much of anything your first time out. While audience participation is mandatory to keep the show alive, it is not mandatory that everyone participate, every time. Virgins are not expected to know a damn thing (just like in sex.)

If you really want to bring props, the safest ones to bring are rice, toast (unbuttered), toilet paper and a deck of cards. A newspaper may help keep you from getting wet. Watch everyone else to figure out when to throw these items. A **prop list** is available on this website.

Oh, and if you need to know one Audience Participation line, there is one that is almost universal to every theater that you can use multiple times. Whenever you hear the name "Brad Majors", yell "ASSHOLE", okay? An important note here: Audience Participation is NOT fixed from theater to theater and night to night. If you feel a new line coming on, YELL IT! A big part of keeping the show fresh is creating new lines with topical humor. (i.e. "Is Jessica Simpson a real dildo?" film: "YES!")

Now get off your butt, get down to **The Bullet Bar** and see what's on the slab! REMEMBER: Rocky Horror is like sex, you can only have one first time, so make the most of it.

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