

'Time Warp' takes over Mountain Community Theater

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It's likely to get a little naughty at Park Hall starting Oct. 19 when Mountain Community Theater's production of "The Rocky Horror Show" takes the stage.

Directed by MCT veteran Kathie Kratochvil and written in the early 1970s by Richard O'Brien, the ribald rock musical combines the science fiction films and rock 'n' roll music of the 1950s in an interactive live version of the cult classic movie.

The musical stars Ben Jammin as Dr. Frank-N-Furter, a transvestite hosting an annual convention of visitors from the planet Transsexual, in the Transylvania Galaxy.

Sexy hijinks ensue when all-American 1950s kids Janet and Brad — played by Sydney Gorham and Jack Olson — find themselves lost on a cold, rainy night and seeking shelter in the Frank-N-Furter castle.

Kratochvil said that she has been a fan of the show since she watched the original London cast perform while she was living in Melbourne, Australia, in 1974 — before the show gained popularity in the United States.

"(The show has a) 1950s classic horror film kind of feel," she said.

She said that while the "actual script itself is pretty darn similar," the show would follow the route of the stage show, and not the cult film that is based on the script.

Kratochvil said that the show is a collaboration of the all-volunteer cast and crew, which includes about 60 people.

"It's a pretty cool production, because it's an all-volunteer group," Kratochvil said.

The show, Kratochvil said, would feature the classic songs from the show — including "Sweet Transvestite" and "The Time Warp" — performed by an ensemble of local musicians under the direction of Arindam Krishna Das.

"There's a lot of great music," Kratochvil said. "(O'Brien) had a fascination of two things — 1950s rock 'n' roll, and black-and-white sci-fi."

While she said she was unsure if audiences would want to participate in the show, which is the norm for midnight screenings of the film version, the cast and crew are prepared, and even added late-night performances.



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Mountain Community Theater's production of the "The Rocky Horror Show" debuts Friday, Oct. 19. Ben Jammin (From left) plays Dr. Frank-N-Furter, Jack Olson plays Brad and Sydney Gorham plays Janet.

“We set ourselves up to include audience participation,” Kratochvil said. “We’ll see what happens when the audience arrives.”

This will be the third time in MCT’s 30 years that “The Rocky Horror Show” has been performed, Kratochvil said, adding it’s been successful in the past.

Kratochvil said that due to the adult nature of the show, no one under 18 would be admitted without an adult.

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At a glance

What: “The Rocky Horror Show”

Where: Park Hall, 9400 Mill Street in Ben Lomond

When: 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, Oct. 20, Oct. 25, Oct. 26, and Oct. 31 to Nov. 2; 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Oct. 27 and Nov. 3

Cost: \$22 general admission; \$18 students and seniors; \$11 for 11 p.m. shows only

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