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It's astounding...time is fleeting...#RockyHorrorPictureShow is celebrating its 49th anniversary on tour featuring the OG 'Brad Majors' Barry Bostwick, presented by @EnsembleArtsPhilly (Facebook/Instagram)/@EnsembleArtsPHL on 10/29! For more info, visit www.ensembleartsphilly.org

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**ENSEMBLE ARTS PHILLY PRESENTS
THE LEGENDARY CULT CLASSIC FILM
THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW AS PART OF
ONE-NIGHT-ONLY EVENT: *THE 49TH ANNIVERSARY
SPECTACULAR TOUR*
FEATURING BARRY BOSTWICK,
THE FILM'S ORIGINAL 'BRAD MAJORS',
OCTOBER 29, 2024**

**"This tour is a must-see for fans of the film and newcomers alike."
– *Rolling Stone***

**"The show is a wild and wacky ride that will have you dancing in the aisles."
– *Time Out***

"A raucous and hilarious celebration of outsider culture." – *The Guardian*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (August 29, 2024) – Ensemble Arts Philly is thrilled to present ***The Rocky Horror Picture Show 49th Anniversary Spectacular Tour*** at the Miller Theater on October 29, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. Join the original 'Brad Majors' – Barry Bostwick – for a special screening of the original and unedited movie with a local, Philly-based shadow cast – Transylvanian Nipple Productions – and audience participation!

The Rocky Horror Picture Show is the longest-running theatrical release in film history. The iconic little movie that conquered Hollywood stars Tim Curry as the devious and fabulous Frank-N-Furter, Meatloaf, Barry Bostwick and Susan Sarandon as everybody's favorite nerdy couple –

Brad and Janet – and the film’s creator Richard O’Brien as Riff Raff. *The Anniversary Spectacular Tour* gives fans the chance to experience in-person this very interactive one-of-a-kind musical.

“We’re excited to showcase the rich legacy of this cult classic in cinema, bringing it to the stage featuring the incredible Barry Bostwick,” said Frances Egler, Vice President of Theatrical Programming and Presentations. “This anniversary spectacular is more than just a stage show. It’s a tribute to the film that challenged norms, celebrated individuality, and introduced mainstream audiences to a delightfully eccentric world.”

Bostwick explains why *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* is one of film history’s most enduring classics: “It’s fun, noisy and rude and only exists today because of the dedicated fan base and incredible ‘shadow casts’ from around the world. They make it spectacular entertainment every show. It is nicely naughty!!! They bring the party. They invite you to participate. It’s rock and roll!!!!” said Bostwick.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show is notable for its fans’ devotion to call-back lines and dressing up as the characters. The musical, titled *The Rocky Horror Show*, ran for 2,960 performances and won the 1973 Evening Standard Theater Award for Best Musical. The film’s initial reception in 1975 was extremely negative, but soon after attained a cult following as audiences began participating and performing alongside the film. The “shadow cast” mimed the actions on screen above and behind them, while lip-syncing the characters’ lines. In 2005, the film was selected for preservation in the U.S National Film Registry by the Library of Congress as being “culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant.”

The Rocky Horror Picture Show musical is widely hailed to have been an influence on the countercultural and sexual liberation movements that followed the 1960s. It was one of the first popular musicals to depict fluid sexuality during a time of division between generations and a lack of sexual difference acceptance.

ABOUT BARRY BOSTWICK:

Winning Golden Globe, Tony, and Peabody awards for a long and multi-faceted career, Bostwick continues to work in all genres with recently released films *The Incredibles 2*, *Grand Daddy Day Care*, *Bigger Fatter Liar*, *A Mermaid’s Tale*, *Three Days In August*, among others, as well as recent TV offerings on *Will And Grace*, *Girlfriends’ Guide to Divorce*, *Still The King*, *Signed Sealed and Delivered* for Hallmark, and Great Performances on PBS *Ellis Island: The Dream Of America*.

Bostwick is probably best known for playing Brad Majors in the cult classic *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* and Mayor Randall Winston in the long-running sitcom, *Spin City*; and creating the role of Danny Zuko in the original Broadway production of *Grease*, receiving his first of three Tony nominations. Later Bostwick finally won the Tony for Best Actor in a Musical for the lead character in *The Robber Bridegroom*. You can also look for him in the other cult favorite film *Megaforce*, along with *FDR: American Badass*, *Spy Hard*, *Fantastic Planet*, *3 from Hell*, *Undercover Brother 2*, *Outlaw Johnny Black*, *American Pie: Girls’ Rule*, the popular Netflix film *Single All The Way* and *Daruma*. And his personal favorite *Movie Movie* with George C. Scott and directed by Stanley Donan, among others. On TV, he played George Washington in the 8-hour mini-series *George Washington* and Lady Aster in *War and Remembrance*, among dozens of TV movies and mini-series. Series TV kept him busy with *Cougar Town*, *Law and Order: SVU*, *Supernatural*, *Psych*, *Phineas and Ferb*, and for Disney, *Doogie Kamealoha*, and numerous animated features and TV shows.

Other featured upcoming performances include ***An Evening with Fran Lebowitz*** (September 7, 2024, Miller Theater); ***The Life and Music of George Michael*** (September 19, 2024, Miller Theater); **Leslie Jones: *LIVE*** (September 21, 2024, Miller Theater); **Hannah Gadsby: *WOOF!*** (September 22, 2024, Miller Theater); ***An Evening with Ina Garten*** (October 9, 2024, Academy of Music); **Mike Birbiglia: *Please Stop the Ride*** (October 11, 2024, Academy of Music); **MrBallen: *The Strange, Dark & Mysterious Tour*** (October 12, 2024, Miller Theater); **Brian Regan** (October 18, 2024, Miller Theater); **Tommy Tiernan: *Tommedian*** (October 26, 2024, Perelman Theater); **Girls Gotta Eat: *No Crumbs Tour*** (October 26, 2024, Miller Theater); **Eddie B: *Teachers Only Comedy Tour*** (November 1, 2024, Miller Theater); **Pinky Patel: *#isaidwhatisaid Tour*** (November 2, 2024, Perelman Theater); and **Dan and Phil: *Terrible Influence*** (November 8, 2024, Miller Theater).

Tickets

Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999 or online at www.ensembleartsphilly.org. In-person ticket sales can be conducted daily from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Academy of Music Box Office, located at 240 S. Broad Street. See www.ensembleartsphilly.org for more information.

VIP Package includes:

- One premium ticket
- Pre-show meet and greet and photo opportunity with Barry Bostwick
- VIP laminate

The Rocky Horror Picture Show 49th Anniversary Spectacular Tour

Miller Theater

Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

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