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ORE ODUBA TO STAR AS BRAD MAJORS IN THE LEGENDARY MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA AS NEW 2021/2022 TOURING SCHEDULE IS ANNOUNCED

Tickets for Theatre Royal Plymouth 'The Rocky Horror Show' dates are available now on the [TRP website](#).

Actor, presenter and winner of Strictly Come Dancing **Ore Oduba** (*Curtains / Grease*) will star as Brad Majors in Richard O'Brien's **Rocky Horror Show**. Back by huge popular demand, the legendary musical will tour the UK from July 2021 and June 2022, coming to Plymouth between 06 – 11 September 2021.

Ore Oduba said: *"I can't wait to join the cast of the Rocky Horror Show. Like everybody, I've missed the stage so much and Rocky really is the perfect show to welcome audiences back to theatres. It's such an iconic musical with songs that everyone knows, so I'm sure the Rocky fans will be desperate to do the Time Warp again! I'm so excited to get started and tour the country with our production... just got to remember to pack my stockings!!"*

Joining Ore and returning to the cast of the Rocky Horror Show as Frank is **Stephen Webb** (*Jersey Boys / Legally Blonde*), alongside **Philip Franks** (*The Darling Buds of May*) as The Narrator. They will be joined by fan favourite **Haley Flaherty** (*Mamma Mia / Chicago*) as Janet.

Kristian Lavercombe (*Jersey Boys / Jesus Christ Superstar*) will once again reprise his role as Riff Raff, following more than 1350 performances around the world, with **Lauren Ingram** (*Beauty and the Beast / My Fair Lady*) as Columbia. **Callum Evans** (*Grease / Miss Saigon*) will be take on the role of Rocky, with **Joe Allen** (*Little Shop of Horrors / Charlie & The Chocolate Factory*) as Eddie & Dr Scott.

Joining the cast as Phantoms are **Reece Budin** (*Beautiful: The Carole King Musical / Man of La Mancha*), **Jordan Fox** (*Kinky Boots / Hairspray*) and **Rachel Grundy** (*Starlight Express / Peter Pan*), with **Danny Knott** (*Saturday Night Fever / A Midsummer Nights' Dream*) as Male Swing.

Since it first opened in London in June 1973 at the Royal Court's Theatre Upstairs, Richard O'Brien's *Rocky Horror Show* has become the world's favourite Rock 'N' Roll musical, having been performed worldwide for over 45 years in more than 30 countries and translated into 20 languages.

Directed by Christopher Luscombe, the smash hit show features all the famous



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musical numbers which have made *The Rocky Horror Show* such a huge hit for over four decades, including “*Sweet Transvestite*”, “*Science Fiction/Double Feature*”, “*Dammit Janet*” and, of course, the timeless floor-filler, “The Time-Warp” - this is perfect show to help people forget the doom and gloom of recent months.

The Rocky Horror Show tells the story of Brad and his fiancée Janet, two squeaky clean college kids who meet Dr Frank’n’Furter by chance when their car breaks down outside his house whilst on their way to visit their favourite college professor. It’s an adventure they’ll never forget, with fun, frolics, frocks and frivolity, bursting with timeless songs and outrageous outfits. *The Rocky Horror Show* is a guaranteed party, which famously combines science-fiction, horror, comedy and music while encouraging audience participation - meaning, of course, getting dressed-up in the most outrageous fancy dress.

The Rocky Horror Show first began life in 1973 before an audience of just 63 people in the Royal Court’s Theatre Upstairs. It was an immediate success and transferred to the Chelsea Classic Cinema, before going on to run at the Kings Road Theatre, 1973-79 and the Comedy Theatre in the West End, 1979-80. In 1975 it was transformed into a film called ‘*The Rocky Horror Picture Show*’. This film adaptation took over \$135 million at the Box Office and is still shown in cinemas around the world more than 40 years after its premiere, making it the longest running theatrical release in cinema history. Many stars including Russell Crowe, Tim Curry, Susan Sarandon, Jerry Springer, Jason Donovan and Meatloaf have appeared in *The Rocky Horror Show* over the past 45 years.

In 2015, as part of a sold-out season at London’s Playhouse Theatre, a special star-studded Gala charity performance in aid of Amnesty International was broadcast to over 600 cinemas across the UK and Europe. The live screening - featuring a host of celebrities playing The Narrator including Stephen Fry, Mel Giedroyc, Emma Bunton, Ade Edmondson, Anthony Head and Richard O’Brien - smashed box office records and was the biggest grossing film in cinemas across the UK. The performance was subsequently screened on the Sky Arts channel.

Ready to thrill you with fun and naughty moments, *The Rocky Horror Show* is the boldest bash of them all. But be warned, this show has rude parts!

***The Rocky Horror Show* will be returning to TRP from Monday 06 to Saturday 11 September 2021 and are available to purchase [here](#).**

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