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**THE ROCKY
HORROR
PICTURE
SHOW
SHADOWCAST**

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HISTORY OF THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW

The Rocky Horror Show was first performed in June 1973, debuting at the Royal Court Theatre in London. The musical was written by Aotearoa based actor Richard O'Brien to pay homage to B-movies, science fiction and horror films from the 1930s to the 1960s.

With music and visuals inspired by glam rock, it tells the story of a newly engaged couple getting caught in a storm and coming to the home of scientist, Dr Frank-N-Furter, who unveils his new creation, Rocky, a monster in the form of a tanned, blonde muscular man.

In 1975, The Rocky Horror Picture Show - a movie version of the musical - was released. The film was initially reviewed negatively, but it found a loving audience who regularly attended screenings and productions, often dressed as characters. This interactivity, where fans can have an active role in celebrating Rocky Horror helps to explain its long-running appeal over 50 years.

Today The Rocky Horror Show - both the musical and film - are cult classics, still performed and screened around the world. It is celebrated as a queer art-form as it is a celebration of self-expression, sexual liberation, gender fluidity and non-conformity. Audience members young and old are as enthusiastic as ever to partake in Richard O'Brien's world of campy horror.





Sunita Torrance (She/Her)

Haus of Flash aka Flash Mob Entertainment is a Taranaki-based, Aotearoa-wide entertainment and events company offering Drag and Bingo, Burlesque Parties, DJs, Dragaoke, Photo Booths, Rainbow Storytime, fabulous drag and burlesque cabaret shows, and of course top class shadowcasts including Grease, and Rocky Horror.

Sunita Torrance is a Taranaki-born entertainment and events professional with over 20 years of experience in events, entertainment, hospitality, with a dash of medical in there. Flash Mob Entertainment was dreamed up by her in early 2013 and started as a humble photo booth for hire business which then grew and morphed into everything you see now and still more to come!

Haus of Flash have been producing tours for Rupaul's Drag Race queens such as Anita Wigl'it and Kita Mean and through the talent agency side, represents some of New Zealand's finest performers such as Erika Flash, CiCi von Rouge, CoCo Flash and Nocturness. Sunita won a medal from the New Zealander of the Year Awards 2021 as a Kiwibank Local Hero for her advocacy and allyship for the LGBT+ community, whilst hers and Erika Flash's creation of Rainbow Storytime were finalist in an NZ LGBT+ Award.

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EMMA GLUCINA

is Janet Weiss

This will be Emma's first stint as the virginal Janet. Although she has been a part of Rocky Horror Picture Show now for three seasons, previously as a Transylvanian.

Like the typical Leo she is, Emma loves being under the spotlight with previous onstage performances including The Full Monty and The Cats Mother, and recent contribution to the props and set department for Perfect Arrangement all which were showcased at New Plymouth Little Theatre.

Emma is very excited to finally ditch the three piece tuxedo for three smaller pieces of fabric.



CODY OGLE

is Brad Majors

This is Cody's second year with The Rocky Horror Picture Show Shadowcast, and after the impact it had after the first round he's back again!

Coming in with a short history of theatre under his belt having previously performed in Mamma Mia (2022) and Aladdin - The Pantomime (2023) both for Hawera Repertory Society.

Cody comes from a background of farming, rugby, and racing speedway and now based in the North Shore, Auckland. He's coming down with double the enthusiasm to give you double the laughs, the cries, and entertainment you deserve.



ARIANA MILLAR

is Magenta

Ariana is ecstatic to be back in the red wig with The Rocky Horror Picture Show Shadowcast NZ.

It is a pleasure as always for Ariana to be a part of this talented cast and crew and she is incredibly thankful for the experience to participate in the Fringe Festival this year.

Ariana has gained experience on stage and off in both Aotearoa and America. She studied Theatre in California and added shows such as Jesus Christ Superstar, Westside Story and The Addams Family Musical to her resume. Upon returning home in 2019 she was introduced to the wonderfully kooky team that is Haus of Flash and has never looked back.



SONNY DEACLE

is Riff Raff

At 22, Sonny Deacle is delighted to be part of The Rocky Horror Picture Show. His journey in the performing arts, spanning over a decade, began with mentorship from Warren Bates at Stage Centre in New Plymouth. Beyond the stage, Sonny finds joy in music and staying active.

His enthusiasm for the arts and genuine love for performance shine through in every role he undertakes.

Sonny is eager to contribute to the show's legacy, promising to bring his unique blend of talent and passion to the stage.



LIBBY NEEDS

is Columbia

A repeat offender in the Haus of Flash crew, Libby is reprising her role of Columbia for the 6th season.

Last seen onstage for New Plymouth Operatic Society in their production of We Will Rock You, but more regularly found sewing up a storm in the costume department. Libby has filled many backstage roles for NPOS including, Production Manager for their Christmas Cabaret (The 90's - Rewind Through Time) and Head of Wardrobe for their Junior Production (Seussical Jnr).

In 2023 Libby was also the recipient of the MTNZ Nola Speirs Next Gen Encouragement award for her contribution to musical theatre in Taranaki. Needless to say she has a passion for all things theatre and is thrilled to be back in the gold top hat and tap shoes.



ERIKA FLASH

is Dr Frank N. Furter

Erika is the singing diva drag queen persona of Daniel Lockett.

Standing at 7ft in heels and hair, this mascara-wearing doll knows how to command a event.

Performing in numerous theatres and clubs around New Zealand, this is Erika's 8th year playing Frank, in the role that has been hers and hers alone from the beginning.

Outside of Rocky, Erika is part of the duo with CoCo Flash bringing the official Rainbow Storytime around the country, has performed at every Palmy Drag Fest to date, runs Drag and Bingo, Dragaoke and is currently touring an ABBA themed drag brunch with Anita Wigl'it.

Out of drag, Daniel has appeared on stage in Les Miserables, Priscilla Queen Of The Desert, Wicked, Grease and more.



SEMISI WEA SIKEI

is Eddie / Dr Scott

Semisi was born & raised in Auckland, performing ever since in school productions, school dance groups, then leaving school and creating his own dance groups that entered into different competitions.

Moving to Wellington in 2020 created different and more opportunities for him.

He first won a Performing Arts award for Kawenata Awards 2021, joined his first Kapa Haka group, debuted & performed drag at Ivy bar, has been a live model in drag while an artist painted a portrait of him. And now, first time being a part of a show like this. Semisi is excited to be a part of this show and can't wait to see what the future holds for him.



TATUM MATEO MONTEGASTILLO

is Rocky

Tatum has been on stage since he was a wee boy, from doing his Pinocchio routine at preschool pageants to singing competitions as part of a boyband with his mates, and eventually to the big stage of musical theatre.

His love for theatre started when he joined his high school theatre guild where he earned a service award upon graduation.

His love for theatre led to him doing countless more shows, making him a regular in the Dunedin theatre scene, leading to him winning the Val Braumann award from Musical Theatre Dunedin.



He has played Marius in *Les Miserables* and also both Sky and Eddie in 2 different productions of *Mamma Mia!* With *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* being one of his favorite musicals of all time, Tatum is very excited to portray one of the iconic himbos of theatre history.

CHLOE ROBERTSON

is Trixie

NASDA graduate Chloe has always loved being on stage, with most of her experience growing up being through competitive hip hop crews in Ōtepoti (RASA School of Dance). She was fortunate enough to go to London to perform at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in 2019 (SGCNZ), where her passion for singing and acting were cemented.

Chloe's performance highlight has been writing, producing and performing a devised show, *I Can Not Give Hugs*, alongside her two muses, Merlia De Ridder and Lucy Sparks. This trio are planning to continue writing unique, genuine shows, with goals of writing a new one this year.

Performing in *The Rocky Horror Picture Show: Shadowcast* in 2023 was one of the most fun things that could be done with your clothes on....well...minimal clothes on. Upgrading this time from lowly trainee usherette, to the captain of the ship, she is beyond excited to laugh, cry, and dance with everyone.



JESS TOZER

is Lexie

Jess is a performer based out of Otautahi, Christchurch, where she graduated with a Bachelor in Performing Arts from NASDA in 2021.

She is excited to make her debut with The Rocky Horror Picture Show Shadowcast. From the first time she saw it, Jess has been a fan of the 1975 cult classic film and is thrilled to be involved in bringing it to life for the 50th Year Anniversary.

Her other theatre credits include A Chorus Line (Auckland Music Theatre), Catch Me If You Can (Debase Theatre), Annie (Debase Theatre), The Drowsy Chaperone (NASDA), The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (NASDA), On The Town (NASDA) & The Book of Everything (NASDA).



DANIEL McDONALD

is a Transylvanian

Daniel is returning for his second season of The Rocky Horror Picture Show Cast after being a part of the 2023 South Island Tour.

He has loved The Rocky Horror Picture Show since he was a kid and couldn't be more excited to be a part of this show again!

Daniel recently graduated from NASDA (National Academy of Singing and Dramatic Arts) and is based in Ōtautahi/Christchurch.

Outside of performing, Daniel enjoys a cheeky marg and boogie with friends.



NICOLE HEAYSYMAN

is a Transylvanian

Born and raised in Taranaki, Nicole is a 21 year old performer who is now based in Christchurch where she graduated from the National Academy of Singing and Dramatic arts (NASDA) with a Bachelor of Performing arts specializing in Musical Theatre.

Some of Nicole's performing highlights include being the Dance Captain for NASDA's The Wedding Singer (2021) and Grease (2022), touring New Zealand with Perform Education (2023) and performing in various gigs with Epic Entertainment (2022-present).

With plans to soon move overseas for dancing, she is really excited to lose her Rocky Horror virginity at the Wellington Fringe festival as her last hurrah in NZ!



SHELBY FARMER

is a Transylvanian

Shelby is a third time returning Transylvanian - who had previously left behind the call of the stage from her school days.

She picked up a paintbrush instead and made the rounds in the visual arts world - But The Rocky Horror Picture Show Shadowcast in 2020 caught her eye and has been stuck time warping ever since.

Find her jumping to the left and stepping to the right at the merch station or yelling at the cast this Fringe Festival!



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