

Strange Journey

2025 | 89mins

Director: Linus O'Brien

Starring: Lou Adler, Tim Curry, Susan Sarandon

The original cast and creative forces of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* reunite for a monumental documentary about the production and evolution of the film that became a unique cinematic sensation.

Strange Journey was a labour of love for director Linus O'Brien, son of *Rocky Horror* creator, Richard O'Brien. Linus had grown up in the midst of the original stage show at the Royal Court Theatre at Sloane Square in the early 1970s, and was the youngest person in attendance at shows (at the tender age of four). With unfettered access, Linus O'Brien has now conducted new interviews with all of the surviving principal cast and creators, including his father, and was able to gain a deeply personal record of the history and development of the *Rocky Horror* cult phenomenon.

The director also interviewed some of the fans, charting *Rocky Horror* as one of the first to indulge audience participation. By turning a theatrical film screening into an inclusive party, the contagious atmosphere was key to its eventual success and longevity. Encouraging patrons to wear provocative costumes and live their fantasies in the spirit of the film's central message ("Don't dream it. Be it!"), the documentary shows how the story found much deeper resonance with its fans; the people to whom the film now ultimately belongs.

Have you ever wondered where the ideas came from? What happened when the film was originally released? And how did it evolve into a bona fide cult classic, with die-hard devotees the world over? Wonder no longer! This is the official story; a rollercoaster ride through the creation of a genuinely groundbreaking counter-cultural supernova!

'I would like, if I may, to take you on a strange journey...'

-Charles Gray



Excellent

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Poor

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Did You Know?

- The Museum Lichtspiele Cinema, Munich, Germany, has shown the film every week since June 1977, and provides kits containing the props required to participate. The Prince Charles Cinema, London, continues to offer its famous Sing-a-Long-a screenings!
- Creator Richard O’Brien reunited with co-writer and director Jim Sharman for a follow-up called *Shock Treatment* (1981) which again featured Brad and Janet. The film was not a financial success, but remains amusing for fans of the original.
- The prolific Executive Producers of this documentary – Fenton Bailey and Randy Barbato – are also responsible for the global phenomenon of *RuPaul’s Drag Race*, via their company World of Wonder.



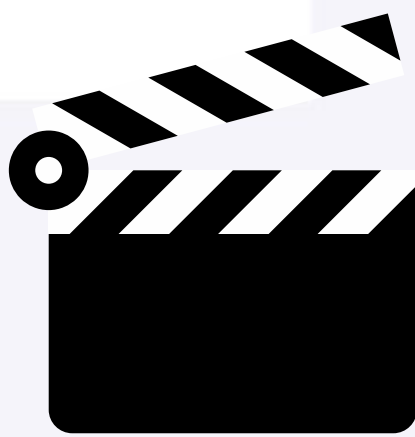
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The Old Dark House (1932)

While not a musical, this is one of the original inspirations for *Rocky Horror*, as stranded travelers seek shelter from a thunderstorm in a spooky mansion. Expect bumps in the night!



Phantom of the Paradise (1974)

A similarly bold musical vision, which transposes the classic story *Phantom of the Opera* into a mind-altering glam-rock club. This was an early effort by the master of Grand Guignol, writer / director Brian De Palma.

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