**Let’s Do the Time Warp Again at The Phoenix Theatre Company**

*Awaken your inner creature of the night with* The Rocky Horror Show

(*Sept. 2, 2021 – PHOENIX*) Fans of *The Rocky Horror Show* are getting a chance to do the *Time Warp* again at The Phoenix Theatre Company. The cult classic is finally coming to the stage after an 18-month delay caused by the global pandemic. The show runs Oct. 6–Dec. 5, 2021.

*The Rocky Horror Show* famously combines science fiction, horror, comedy, and music to transport audiences into a world with less discrimination and division. The “wonderfully weird” and “fabulously freaky” stage show, as it has been described, premiered in London in 1973. It 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 on their way to visit their favorite college professor.

The tension between repression and liberation is fundamental to the story as the naive youngsters discover a world where nothing is taboo.

“*The Rocky Horror Show* has a special place in my heart,” said Robert Kolby Harper, director. “When I was a young adult growing up in Georgia, I saw this show and for the first time I was introduced to characters I could identify with. I saw characters who weren’t afraid to push boundaries, or be their authentic selves. That resonated with me, and I hope audiences at The Phoenix Theatre Company make connections to the eccentric characters, too.”

This show is full of timeless and recognizable songs including *Sweet Transvestite*, *Damn It, Janet*, and of course, *Time Warp*. Valley artisans at the theatre have spent months creating out-of-this world sets and props as well as outrageous costumes. Cast members will play their own instruments on stage in this beautifully twisted rock musical masterpiece.

“Our cast is extremely talented and brings so much creativity and energy to the production,” added Harper. “We’ve waited a long time to bring this show to the stage, and I have no doubt audiences will appreciate being able to escape reality for a few hours and embrace the nostalgia this show provides.”

The Phoenix Theatre Company cast for *The Rocky Horror Show,* ready to bring all the wacky, campy and naughty moments to life, includes: Alyssa Chiarello as Janet; Kade Bailey as Brad; Sime Kosta as Frank-N-Furter; Michelle Chin as Phantom Janet; Ryan Ardelt as Phantom Brad; Chris Kane as Rocky; Johanna Carlisle-Zepeda as Dr. Scott; Michael Damian Fasano as Riff Raff; Kat Bailes as Columbia; Cullen Law as the Narrator; and Lynzee Foreman as Magenta.

With music, lyrics and book by Richard O'Brien, *The Rocky Horror Show* has been performed worldwide for nearly 50 years, in over 30 countries, on every continent and it has been translated into more than 20 languages. The movie (based on the musical) debuted in 1975. Today, it remains the longest-running release in film history.

Tickets for *The Rocky Horror Show*are on sale now. To purchase call (602) 254-2151 or visit [www.phoenixtheatre.com](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Furldefense.proofpoint.com%2Fv2%2Furl%3Fu%3Dhttp-3A__www.phoenixtheatre.com_%26d%3DDwMFaQ%26c%3Duw6TLu4hwhHdiGJOgwcWD4AjKQx6zvFcGEsbfiY9-EI%26r%3DeZMqQDp9ZQUI-OSDSomdL2TvAgrE-JddclE5m9ZjdwU%26m%3DI1lt8Vw9_RWJi_BK-FGT6igIAnL-N5HUMWljflSQWww%26s%3DmXWPyvO4jI-qjE1yODGYfsoKJcepAvvVOT7E-ruSeuA%26e%3D&data=04%7C01%7CJOtoole%4012news.com%7Cd0cf4e866a304f02957808d952db46b2%7Cccd8a79b7268413b878971f8b6f4c0df%7C1%7C0%7C637631924004766814%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=sHuQpad8yuecgfu5eEWuAquBnZtzEeE4e63rTVHLtwE%3D&reserved=0). At The Phoenix Theatre Company, masks are strongly encouraged. Upon arrival, all patrons will undergo a mandatory temperature check. Seating is not socially distanced. Safety protocols will continue to be updated to ensure patron and staff comfort and wellbeing throughout the ongoing global pandemic.

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**ABOUT THE PHOENIX THEATRE COMPANY**

The Phoenix Theatre Company is the largest professional regional theatre company in the state. As the first arts organization in Arizona and a founding member of the Central Arts District, The Phoenix Theatre Company is committed to advancing performing arts in the Valley with nearly 500 performances each year on multiple stages. Located at 1825 N. Central Ave. in Phoenix, The Phoenix Theatre Company’s mission is to create exceptional theatrical experiences by using the arts to articulate messages that inspire hope and understanding. For more information visit, [www.phoenixtheatre.com](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Furldefense.proofpoint.com%2Fv2%2Furl%3Fu%3Dhttp-3A__www.phoenixtheatre.com_%26d%3DDwMFAg%26c%3DY6lK3sQOQe5gkvL3EqgybQ%26r%3DHNP4-KSqKRk_5PMmeezPHTO_MgQ9uVeG6rLnttyjmT4%26m%3DbJdeVGFvC7o6F1wah8SzjNW898puQOHdhWHcL_jj8bg%26s%3DGe0KrX51lSm7jZxN-UbwyPebahbTC_OQNZjw9qrjF-o%26e%3D&data=04%7C01%7CJOtoole%4012news.com%7Cd0cf4e866a304f02957808d952db46b2%7Cccd8a79b7268413b878971f8b6f4c0df%7C1%7C0%7C637631924004766814%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=6RxIwils8U%2BAMe5r3WKofMjWQsk%2Bjt9iFqCEp91kcxE%3D&reserved=0).

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