
Subject: Rifftrax Live!

Posted by [Frank J. Lhota](#) on Sat, 01 Aug 2009 14:11:49 GMT

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"All things extant in this world,
Gods of Heaven, gods of Earth,
Let everything be as it should be;
Thus shall it be!"

- Magical chant from "Magical Shopping Arcade Abenobashi"

"Drizzle, Drizzle, Drozzle, Drome,
Time for this one to come home!"

- Mr. Wizard from "Tooter Turtle"

Subject: Re: Rifftrax Live!

Posted by [Doug Elrod](#) on Tue, 04 Aug 2009 16:10:18 GMT

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ConventioVirtuoCon?

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Subject: Re: Rifftrax Live!

Posted by [Jonah Falcon](#) on Wed, 05 Aug 2009 16:29:25 GMT

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I can't go - it's sold out.

"Doug Elrod" <dre1@cornell.edu> wrote in message
news:22026959-d03c-4a02-ad59-360e4d79b4b9@s31g2000yqs.googlegroups.com...

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Posted by [Doug Elrod](#) on Tue, 18 Aug 2009 20:43:01 GMT
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On Aug 1, 10:11 am, "Frank J. Lhota" <FrankLho.NOS...@rcn.com> wrote:
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*(calling them "Bill", of course)

Subject: Re: Rifftrax Live!
Posted by [Kate Halleron](#) on Wed, 19 Aug 2009 21:51:24 GMT
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On Aug 18, 1:43 pm, Doug Elrod <d...@cornell.edu> wrote:
> On Aug 1, 10:11 am, "Frank J. Lhota" <FrankLho.NOS...@rcn.com> wrote:
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Kate

Subject: Re: Rifftrax Live!

Posted by [Doug Elrod](#) on Fri, 21 Aug 2009 02:35:52 GMT

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On Aug 19, 4:51 pm, Kate <khalle...@netzero.com> wrote:

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- > dark on twisty rural roads which I don't do if at all avoidable).
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I hope it was successful enough that they'll try this sort of thing again. It'll be hard to find source material as good as "Plan Nine from Outer Space", though! Maybe the "Cinematic Titanic" group could take a turn with their own remote broadcast....

-Doug Elrod (dre1@cornell.edu)

Love those Fort Worth callbacks! :-)

Subject: Re: Rifftrax Live!

Posted by [Ken McElhaney](#) on Fri, 21 Aug 2009 03:15:06 GMT

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On Aug 20, 8:35 pm, Doug Elrod <d...@cornell.edu> wrote:

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- > hard. Not all the jokes were 100% (IMHO), but _enough_ were that it
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I fully agree. While not every joke worked some of the riffs were hysterical (particularly Mike's Barney Fife impression which seem to draw the biggest laughs). My fave was when the fey alien leader gave this long-winded speech and Bill chimed in "I think that was one sentence!".

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I was there for the Tulsa show and yes, we experienced the same.

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- > anticipated. (I heard about it on RATMM, and once I was at the
- > theater I saw a big, colorful "Coming Soon" notice for it, but that
- > was about it.)

At my Cinemark it said "Feature Event" and that was it. No local publicity that I saw, yet the theater was nearly packed.

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- > again. It'll be hard to find source material as good as "Plan Nine
- > from Outer Space", though! Maybe the "Cinematic Titanic" group could
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As great as it was, I can't see this happening more than once a year and perhaps that's just about right.

- > -Doug Elrod (d...@cornell.edu)
- > Love those Fort Worth callbacks! :-)

What a great short, and every smack at Fort Worth...well, perhaps they deserve it...:)

Ken - "...it's a 104 degrees and 98% humidity, welcome to Fort Worth!"

Subject: Re: Rifftrax Live!

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Fri, 21 Aug 2009 03:33:05 GMT

Originally posted by: Derek Janssen

Ken wrote:

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> Ken - "...it's a 104 degrees and 98% humidity, welcome to Fort Worth!"

Or, perhaps, that Mike and Kevin just can't be happy in their comedy unless there's actual defined segment of the viewing audience they can personally school-bully. ;)

Derek Janssen (and, as there were no Canadians in the audience...)
ejanss1@verizon.net

Subject: Re: Rifftrax Live!

Posted by [Reaper G](#) on Fri, 21 Aug 2009 15:01:06 GMT

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> On Aug 19, 4:51 pm, Kate <khalle...@netzero.com> wrote:

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I had a good time, though I wouldn't have missed the "intermission" too much. It wasn't bad, really, I just wanted the riffing. But yes, it was a great show, with great riffing to an infamously bad movie. It dawned on me last night that these guys (well, maybe not Bill) have been at this for two decades and they can still deliver. Also, this was my first time seeing "Plan 9" in its entirety, and while Ed Wood's incompetence was on full display (and while I'm no fan of

colorization, it actually helped show said incompetence here), we MSTies know too well it's not the worst ever. It's awful, but a fun awful.

Best moment: Mike's eloquent soliloquy as Tor leading into TIME FOR GO TO BED!

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> There were five or so signal drop-outs (of a couple of seconds each)

Same here.

> I think there must have been at least a hundred people at my theater.

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> theater I saw a big, colorful "Coming Soon" notice for it, but that

> was about it.)

Only thirty here, and I got my ticket in advance. Maybe Vegas just isn't a MSTie kind of town.

> I hope it was successful enough that they'll try this sort of thing

> take a turn with their own remote broadcast....

If they're putting off any new releases for a while, I absolutely agree.

> -Doug Elrod (d...@cornell.edu)

Fort Worth, the St. Paul of Texas.

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Reaper G

Pest, Foodie, MSTie, G-fan, Wrestlemaniac, and geek-at-large

http://reaper_g.livejournal.com

Subject: Re: Rifftrax Live!

Posted by [Doug Elrod](#) on Mon, 24 Aug 2009 20:58:18 GMT

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On Aug 21, 11:01 am, Reaper G <reap...@aol.com> wrote:

> Also, this

> was my first time seeing "Plan 9" in its entirety, and while Ed Wood's

- > incompetence was on full display (and while I'm no fan of
- > colorization, it actually helped show said incompetence here), we
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- > awful.

It was a really nice colorized print, IMHO. I saw things I don't think I've seen before. Like that six-pack of circa 1950's pre-HFCS Coca Cola, in the classic glass contour bottle. Hmmm....

If, in a future viewing, you happen to see a hand in the corner of the frame stealthily take one of these, it'll mean that somehow I've gotten my hands on a time machine, and have gone back to try it out!

-Doug Elrod (dre1@cornell.edu) ;-)

Now (or then, whichever applies), on to tackle that "Hitler" problem!
