

EERIE HORROR FEST 2009

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Best of the Dead
Best of the
November
The Devil's
and Hell

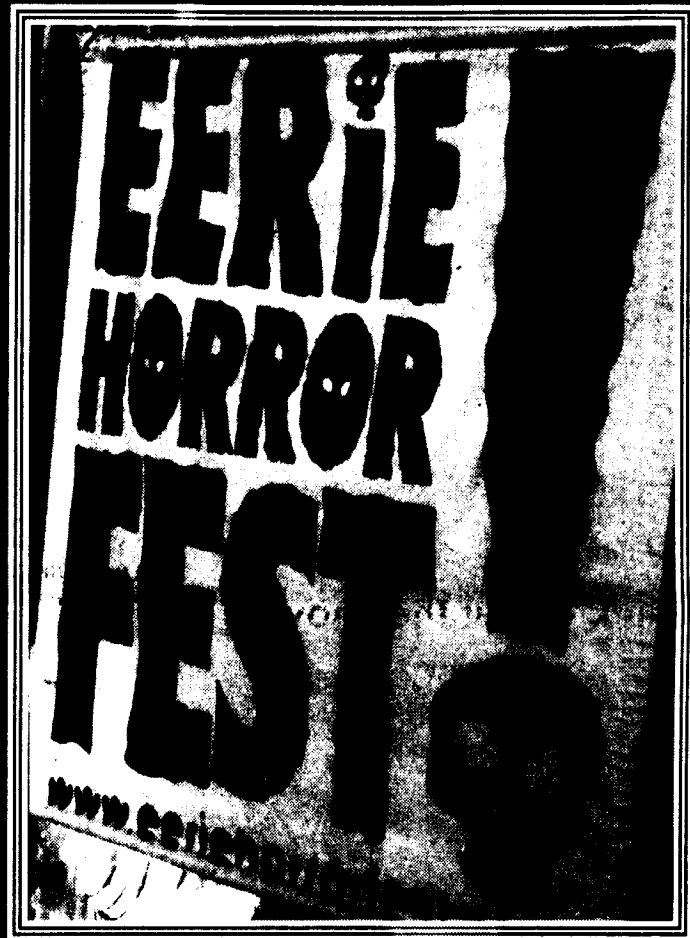


"I think the original thing by restoring it to its original construction and architecture. It's a nice start."

The Eerie Horror Fest is now in its sixth year.

In its first two years it was held at the Roadhouse Theater. In its third and fourth years it was moved to the Erie Playhouse as attendance grew and they needed more room. Finally, it was moved to the Warner Theater because it "has all the room we could need," says David Bostaph. This was the horror fest's second year at the Warner.

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The Eerie Horror Fest is now in its sixth year running and its second year at the Warner Theater.

DAVID BOSTAPH

Vice President of the Eerie Horror Fest

"I loved the Roadhouse, it was nice and cozy," said Bostaph "as word got out, and more and more people were like 'hey this is a really awesome event' it started filling up and filling up and next thing we knew, we're selling out."

"It just keeps growing and growing. The Roadhouse sat 250, maybe 260. We could squeeze in maybe 300 or so before we run into fire code issues. The playhouse could seat upwards of 400. Here at the Warner we don't use the balcony, but downstairs I can seat 1,400 people."

"The biggest perk of it is showing movies in the Warner. 1977, I believe, Star Wars was one of the last movies to ever play here when it first came out. When we came, we were one of the first people to show movies since then. And that's on an original silver screen in there, I can't even imagine how old, it is, it's beautiful."

"As we were looking at it, if we were going to get more films, show bigger films, get bigger celebrities, we were going to need a bigger venue. "The playhouse afforded us an opportunity to be across from the Avilon hotel. And we were able to do things like the expo and have celebrities and guests come in. It brought everything to a whole new level. The challenge there was we were split between two venues. You could watch movies on one side of the road, but then you had to cross the street to go to the expo and everything. Logistically it was very hard for us to split ourselves between two buildings and make sure we were providing everybody with an experience that we were happy with."

"We get a lot of feedback from the celebrities, about how beautiful it is, but also, how it's kind of creepy."

"When we sat down to talk to the Warner, this was the ideal setting for us because everything is under one roof. You can go in, watch a block of films, have a great time, then you can come out, do some shopping, watch a seminar. Learn how to do monster make-up, how to write a screenplay, and you never even have to leave the building."

LEW TEMPLE

Best of the Halloween
The House of Chatterbox
The Possession
The Devil's Reject



"I try to get out a couple three times a year to different parts of the country, mostly to mix with the fans, and to keep in touch with what they want. Horror fans are as loyal and as supportive as any fans out there. They're very well-informed and very well-versed."

"Every city has a different population and a different event schedule. This festival is still young and growing. This is one of the reasons that we've been here in Erie for so long. The history of the festival is something that probably isn't going to change for a long time."

"I've been coming to the festival for a long time. I've been to several other horror festivals, but this is the one that I love the most. It's just the perfect setting for this, especially for a horror festival."

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The Eerie Horror Fest offers movies, merchandise, and autographs/seminars from stars and big names in the horror movie genre.

BILL OESCH

Travels to the Eerie Horror Fest from Ohio

"This is my third year going to the Eerie Horror Fest. I go to several horror festivals each year."

"It's all about collecting, so you can have it forever. I'm definitely coming back next year. I love coming here to the Warner, it's just the perfect setting for this, especially for a horror festival."