

Eye on Entertainment

The Lion's Eye Staff's 13 Spooky Halloween Movie Picks

1. **Saw** – The annual additions to the series appears to pale in comparison to the original. Steve Scoleri, Dave Zelinski, and Sean O'Connor all agree that this movie is perfect for Halloween. O'Connor remarks, "Imagining being in these situations...terrifying."

2. **Hocus Pocus** – Three witches, a male, teenage virgin, and an obnoxious younger sister make this movie comedic brilliance wrapped in terrifically awful 90's special effects. Kelly Guinan calls it a "childhood classic" and Adrienne Showalter agrees.

3. **The Birds** – Hitchcock's classic film of nature turned angry is still scary today. Many try to take on the same themes (M. Night Shyamalan's *The Happening*, anyone?), but few do it with the same grace. Lion's Eye Advisor Karrie Bowen chose it "Just because," and Kelly Guinan adds, "Because Hitchcock is the man." That says it all.

4. **Paranormal Activity** – It's new, but it has obviously made an impact. See it in theaters before it is no longer possible. After all, Chris McSweeney declares, "the audience reaction was priceless!"

5. **Halloween** – It's not a list of Halloween picks without referring to the classic movie named after the holiday. Chris DiIenno remarks, "Mike Myers is the ultimate American horror film icon."

6. **Ringu** – Plenty of horror movies from Japan are being remade in America, but often the remakes pale in comparison to the originals. The Lion's Eye Staff suggests fans of the American version submit to the horror supremacy of the Japanese version this Halloween. After all, Andrew Shaner says "It's better than the American Ring."

7. **The Shining** – With a genius director like Stanley Kubrick and an adaptation of a Stephen King novel, how can you go wrong? Both the Lion's Eye Advisor and Justin Park agree. Park adds, "Great movie and really scary; Jack Nicholson is a beast."

8. **Halloweentown** – Sometimes you simply want to avoid the draining effect of fear and adrenaline and enjoy a movie with the family. *Halloweentown* follows in *Hocus Pocus*' footsteps and may possibly be even softer. It's a fun watch for parents with young children, too. Jennifer Knowlton adds, "If my mom neglected to tell me I was a witch, I'd totally follow my grandmother to *Halloweentown*."

9. **Evil Dead 2** – Sam Raimi is a master of horror and comedy, especially when mixed together. Alone is pretty wonderful, but coupled with Bruce Campbell, it can't go wrong! If one asks Caitlin Olszewski why she chose this movie, she replies, "Why? Because I hail to the king, baby!"

10. **28 Days Later** – Danny Boyle is best known for his dramatic, edgy movies like *Slumdog Millionaire* and *Trainspotting*, but he has put his own spin on the horror genre with this thrilling story about surviving a massive infection and learning to cope with other survivors who care only for their own lives. Editor-in-Chief, Christina Felizzi, says, "It's full of zombies and action, which is great, and I find the scene with one of the characters turning into a zombie because a drop of infected blood falls into his eye kind of amusing, in a horrible way."

11. **Texas Chainsaw Massacre** – The 1974 version is where it's at when it comes to picking a Halloween movie. No new remakes come close. As Karlo Radolovic says "Because originals are the best!"

12. **The Grudge** – The Japanese influence on horror is definitely strong. Dan Taylor succinctly puts it, "The Grudge totally ruined two months of my life. The contrast of childhood innocence with demonic-like intimidation of the meowing boy, the mosaic of physical/spiritual terror, and presence of that awful 'k-k-k-k-k' sound really stole hundreds of hours of sleep from me."



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13. **Silence of the Lambs** – Directed by Jonathan Demme who had previously been known for terrible comedies like *Married to the Mob*, *Silence of the Lambs* is truly creepy for its uncanny representation of psychological evil. Lion's Eye's Advisor, Karrie Bowen, added this to her picks, and it's doubtless that many would agree. Anthony Hopkins's voice sticks with you long past the time when the DVD ends.



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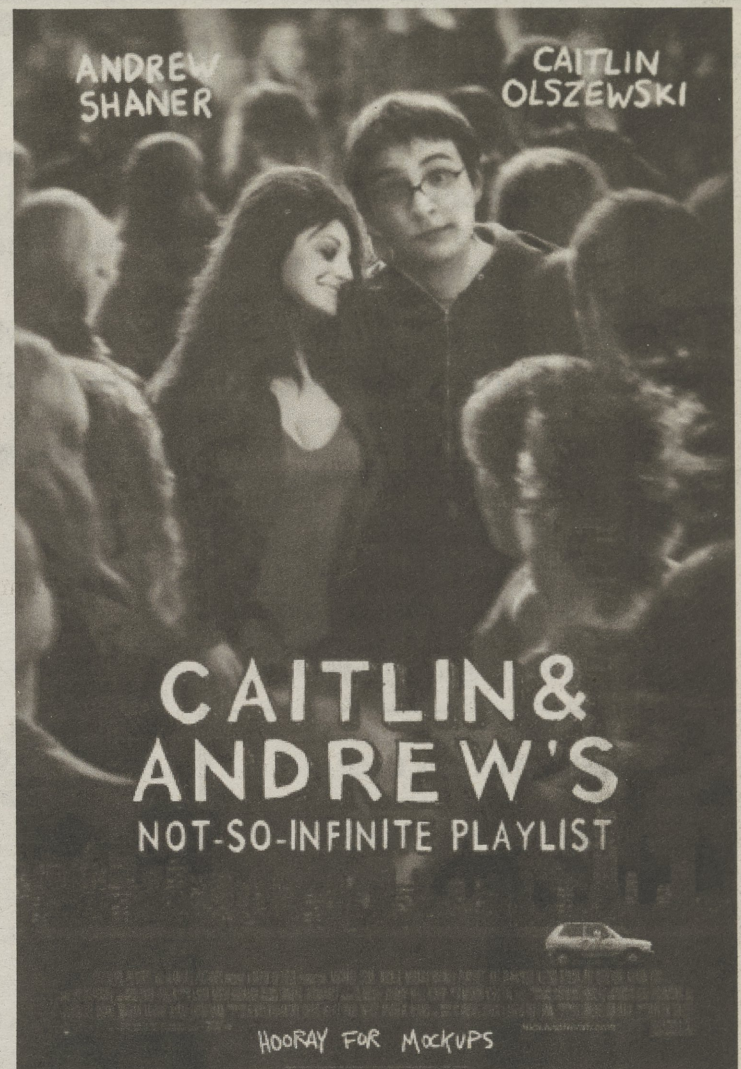


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Halloween Edition

1. "Halloween" - Dead Kennedys
2. "Black No. 1" - Type O Negative
3. "Zombie Boy" - The Magnetic Fields
4. "Some Kinda Hate" - The Misfits
5. "Rock Lobster" - B-52s
6. "Hell" - Squirrel Nut Zippers
7. "I'm Your Boogeyman" - White Zombie
8. "Bela Lugosi's Dead" - Bauhaus
9. "Re: Your Brains" - Jonathan Coulton
10. "Imposter Costume" - The (International) Noise Conspiracy



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