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# MACABRE CINEMA TRANSPORTS VIEWER INTO FAMOUS HORROR MOVIES

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Merriam-Webster defines the word macabre as “having death as a subject, dwelling on the gruesome, and tending to produce horror in a beholder.” For those looking for a real-world example, the Macabre Cinema haunted house in Kansas City, Mo., fits this definition perfectly.

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Although it's designed as a 1930s theater, this isn't your typical Friday night movie scene.

"You enter just like you're going to a movie and then when you're inside the theater, you see the scary movie playing on the screen and pass through a slit in the screen," said Amber Arnett-Bequeaith, vice president of Full Moon Productions. "You actually become part of the movie."

The Cinema attempts to bring to life the action of favorite horror classics. The four floors of the attraction feature more than 30 scenes and sets, including the real movie sets of "Hellraiser," "The Scorpion King" and "Killer Clowns from Outer Space." Bequeaith said there is also a Frankenstein set that has actual electric currents running through it.

Bequeaith said the different scenes are meant to evoke the feeling of fear and play on the phobias of the patrons.

Zack Rebarchek, a senior from Bonner Springs, went to the attraction last year. He said the experience was "amazing" for him and his group of friends.

"It tries to make your favorite horror movies come to life, so it's really cool if you are a big movie fan," he said. "I don't know why, but sometimes it's just fun to be scared witless."

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Rebarchek described some other aspects of the attraction as “menacing” and “just eerie.”

Sara Schwalm, a junior from Osawatomie, said the pop culture references were one of her favorite parts of the experience.

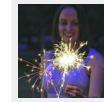
“I’m terrified of mental hospitals, and they had one scene where the doctor was working on a patient,” she said. “I made sure to get out of that room as quickly as I could.”

If being put in the center of a horror film isn’t quite the level of fear you’re looking for, the recent addition of a 40-foot Bat Cave pole that drops you four stories is so intense, it requires you to sign a waiver and verify that you’re over 18.

Although she hasn’t been yet, Kalen Stockton, a freshman from Topeka, said that the theme of the Cinema is interesting, and because she’s a “haunted house junkie,” she will most likely end up going.

“I just love spooky stuff,” Stockton said. “I guess it’s because I was born four days before Halloween. It’s healthy to scare yourself every now and then.”

The Macabre Cinema is open every night at 7 starting this Friday



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until Halloween. Tickets can be purchased through the Full Moon Productions website. Bequeaith said there are also \$5 coupons available at Planet Sub locations in Lawrence and the Kansas City area as well as other discounts through the “Spooks and Specials” promotion on Full Moon’s website.

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