

LANGUAGE IN *ROCKY HORROR* *PICTURE SHOW*

Laverne Cox admits she had some concerns going into Fox's TV remake of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*—specifically regarding her grand musical entrance as Dr. Frank-N-Furter, “Sweet Transvestite.”

“I had a conversation [with director] Kenny [Ortega]. We talked about the word ‘transvestite,’ ” the Emmy nominee recalls. That term was once an acceptable way to describe a transgender person who had not completed their medical transition; now, it is an, “...antiquated term that trans folks certainly don’t use anymore.”

So to be clear: “Historically, the terms have changed [and] it doesn’t mean the same thing today that it meant in the 70s,” she says. “It’s not appropriate to refer to trans people as a transvestite [today], but it is [used here as] the character in that specific moment in history.”

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