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View Menu

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Options Menu

The Options Menu lets you change the display features of Midnight Movie Madness by choosing one of the following menu items:

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Help Menu

Contents

Displays the Table of Contents for *Midnight Movie Madness*.

Search

Searches for specific Help topics.

Help on Help

Explains using the Windows Help system.

About

Displays general information about *Midnight Movie Madness*. Click anywhere on the dialog box to display credits.

Gilbert Gottfried

Gilbert Gottfried, host of a popular late-night movie show, pops up to introduce *Midnight Movie Madness* and explain the legend of the Spirit of the Drive-In. Press the spacebar or click the mouse to interrupt Gilbert.

Selecting a Range of Movies

A range of movies can be selected, according to various criteria, from the Select Movies dialog box.

1. Choose Select Movies from the View menu or click the Movies button on the Controls Panel.
2. Select from one or more drop-down list boxes to narrow your movie selection. For example, select Raquel Welch from the Actors list box to show only movies with Raquel Welch. Selecting from more than one list box will narrow the movie selection to movies that fit *all* criteria (logical AND). For example, selecting Inoshira Honda as Director and Raquel Welch as Actor will result in no movies being selected.
3. Click OK.

See Also

[Jumping to a Specific Movie](#)

Moving Through the Selected Movies

You can navigate through the movies from the [Controls Panel](#) or from the View menu.

From the Controls Panel, click Back or Next to move to the next or previous movie. Clicking Back on the first movie will move to the last movie. Alternatively, choosing Next on the last movie in the selection will move to the first movie.

From the View menu, choose Back, Next, First or Last. These commands function identically to those on the Controls Panel with additional commands to move to the first or last movie in the selection.

See Also

[Select Movies Command](#)

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[Stop](#)

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Playing the Movies

You can play the movies from the [Controls Panel](#) or from the View menu.

From the Controls Panel, click Play or Stop

From the View menu, choose Play or Stop

See Also

[Play Command](#)

[Stop Command](#)

[Select Movies Command](#)

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Playing the Movie Quiz

In Quiz mode, the quiz questions will pop up each time you move to a new movie. You can enter Quiz mode from the [Status Bar](#) or from the Options menu.

From the Status Bar click Quiz.

From the Options menu, choose Quiz

The Spirit will narrate the quiz to you if Sound Effects is turned on. The quiz answers will be displayed after he finishes. Choose your answer by clicking on the most appropriate selection. The chosen answer will change color and Score on the Status Bar will be updated. The correct choice will turn green and an incorrect choice will turn Red.

You may go back to change your answer and the score will be adjusted for your new selection. Remember that your score is a percentage of correct answers to the total number of attempts.

Click on Score in the Status Bar to hear the Spirit's running comments on your performance.

See Also

[Movie Sound](#)

[Sound Effects](#)

Showing the Trivia

In Trivia mode, trivia facts will pop up each time you move to a new movie. Select Trivia mode from either the Controls Panel or the Options menu.

From the Status Bar, click Trivia.

From the Options menu, choose Trivia.

Playing the Spirit's Comments

The Spirit will make his views heard each time you click on his face and will comment on your score when you click Score on the [Status Bar](#). He also comments when you select a quiz answer.

See Also

[Movie Sound](#)

[Sound Effects](#)

Displaying Information about the Movies

In Info mode, information such as Director, Title, Actors and Decade will pop up each time you move to a new movie. Select Info mode from either the Controls Panel or the Options menu.

From the Status Bar, click Info.

From the Options menu, choose Info.

Full-Screen

Select Full Screen from the Options menu to switch between playing movies and intermissions in a window on the screen (default) and full screen. You can also press F4.

Gilbert is always played full-screen, regardless of this setting.

See Also

[Movie Sound](#)

[Sound Effects](#)

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Checking the Quiz Score

The percentage of correctly answered questions is displayed in Score on the [Status Bar](#). You can hear the Spirit's reactions to your current score by clicking on the Score.

See Also

[Movie Sound](#)

[Sound Effects](#)

Midnight Movie Madness is an interactive drive-in movie knowledge adventure. Presented by your retro host ghost, The Spirit of the Drive-In, *Midnight Movie Madness* blends humor, classic movies, classic drive-in intermissions and trivia into a unique multimedia experience.

Jumping to a Specific Movie

You can jump directly to a specific movie from the current selection by using the Jump to Movie dialog box.

1. Select Jump to Movie from the View menu. The Jump to Movie dialog box will list all the movie titles in the current selection.
2. Choose a title from the list.
3. Click OK.

See Also

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Play Command

The Play command can be chosen from either the View menu or from the [Controls Panel](#). Choosing this command will play the current clip. The movie will play silently if the Movie Sound is unchecked in the Option menu.

See Also

[Stop Command](#)

[Playing the Movies](#)

[Switching to Full Screen](#)

[Movie Sound](#)

Select Movies Command

The Select Movies command allows you to select a range of movies, according to various criteria.

From the [Controls Panel](#), click the Movies button.

From the View menu, choose Select Movies...

See Also

[Selecting a Range of Movies](#)

Back Command

The Back command allows you to move to the previous movie in the selection.

From the [Controls Panel](#), choose Back to move to the previous clip. Selecting Back on the first movie will move to the last.

From the View menu, choose Back.

See Also

[Selecting a Range of Movies](#)

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Next Command

The Next command moves to the next movie in the selection. You can navigate through the movies from the [Controls Panel](#) or from the View menu. Selecting Next on the last movie will move to the first movie.

From the Controls Panel, click Next.

From the View menu, choose Next.

See Also

[Moving through the selected movies](#)

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First Command

The First command moves to the first movie in the current selection. Choose First from the View menu.

See Also

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Last Command

The Last command moves to the last movie in the current selection. Choose Last from the View menu.

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Sound Effects Command

Choose Sound Effects from the Options menu. Checking this command enables the host and music sounds. Unchecking it turns off all sound effects other than movie sound.

See Also

[Movie Sound](#)

Stop Command

Choose Stop from the View menu or click the Stop button on the [Controls Panel](#). to stop the current movie or intermission. Select Play from the View menu or click Play from the Controls Panel to restart the movie.

See Also

[Play Command](#)

Show Quiz Command

The Quiz command puts you in Quiz mode. If Sound Effects is turned on, the Spirit will narrate the quiz. Quiz answers will appear after the Spirit finishes the narration or immediately if Sound Effects is off. Choose your answer by clicking on the most appropriate selection. Your answer will change color and the Score on the Status Bar will be updated. You may go back to a clip and change your answer and the score will be adjusted for your new selection. Remember that your score will be reduced each time you make an incorrect choice.

From the Status Bar choose Quiz.

From the Options menu, choose Quiz

See Also

[Movie Sound](#)

[Sound Effects](#)

Show Trivia Command

The Trivia command puts you in Trivia mode. In Trivia mode, trivia facts about the current movie will pop up when you move to a new movie.

From the Status Bar, click Trivia.

From the Options menu, choose Trivia.

Show Info Command

The Info command will put you in Info mode. In Info mode, information such as Director, Title, Actors and Decade will pop up when you move to a new movie.

From the Status Bar, choose Info

From The Options menu, choose Info.

Exit Command

The Exit command allows you to exit *Midnight Movie Madness*. Choose Exit from the View menu.

Jump to Movie Command

The Jump to Movie command allows you to jump directly to a specific movie by selecting a title in the selection list of the Jump To Movie dialog box.

1. Choose Jump to Movie from the View menu. The Jump To Movie dialog will list all the movie titles in the current selection.
2. Choose a title from the list.
3. Click OK.

See Also

[Moving Through the Selected Movies](#)

Switching Between the Play Modes

You can toggle the Play Mode between Info, Quiz, and Trivia by clicking on the appropriate label on the Status Bar below the movie screen.

Fast Movie Playback

Select Fast Movie Playback from the Options menu if video playback appears to skip frames or audio and video do not appear to be synchronized. Video playback performance will be increased by showing video in a slightly smaller window. This option is primarily intended for 80386-based machines with single speed (150K/Second) CD-ROM drives.

You might also be able to enhance video playback performance in a number of other ways:
For example:

- Increasing the amount of buffer memory that your CD-ROM driver software uses. Most computer systems communicate with the CD-ROM drive through the Microsoft MSCDEX driver. Such systems can sometimes be accelerated by adding /M:64 to the MSCDEX entry in your AUTOEXEC.BAT file. See your CD-ROM documentation for more details.
- Ensure that you are using the latest video driver for your video board. Contact your video board manufacturer for more information. You might also be able to get updated drivers from CompuServe in either the Microsoft forum or in a forum managed by your video board manufacturer.
- Check Windows Setup (usually in the Main group of the Windows Program Manager) to ensure that you are using a 256 color video driver. Video playback is slower in both 16 color mode and any video mode with more than 256 colors. Video performance might also be improved by running Windows in 640 by 480 resolution if you are currently using a higher resolution.

See Also

[Switching to Full Screen](#)

Movie Sound

From the Options menu, select Movie Sound to turn on the movie sound.

See Also

[Sound Effects](#)

Playing an Intermission

In addition to 100 classic movies, *Midnight Movie Madness* has more than 20 classic movie and drive-in "intermissions". Click on the video window to randomly select an intermission. Click Play on the [Controls Panel](#) or select Play from the View menu to return to the movie.

See Also

[Stop Command](#)

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[Switching to Full Screen](#)

[Movie Sound](#)

The Status Bar is located under the movie screen. The current Play Mode (Info, Quiz, or Trivia) is denoted by a red marker. Your score (the percentage of correctly answered questions) is shown to the right of the Score label. Click on your score to hear the Spirit's comments about that score. The current movie number and the number of movies in the selection are shown to the right of Clip.

The Controls Panel is located under the Spirit and contains buttons to Play, Stop, and Select Movies. It also has buttons to move forward (Next) or backward (Back) between movies.

