



Of all the different horror subgenres, the gothic-horror scene of the '60s and '70s remains one of the most intriguing. The UK's Hammer Studios was the leading light in churning out saucy, gothic goodies generally set in Victorian England. The films were resplendent in lavish sets, lush atmospherics, buxom women and plenty of eye-popping color—especially in the bloody scenes. *Twins of Evil* (1971) is one such film that epitomizes the racier end of the spectrum. The film stars horror icon Peter Cushing as a ruthless witch hunter, who's twin nieces—played to the hilt by teenage Playboy centerfold twins Mary and Madeleine Collinson—get into all manner of, ahem...mischief with a local vampire. While the film relies heavily on the exploitation/T&A angle of later Hammer flicks, it's still a fun romp, swelling with striking imagery and some saucy shocks. Check it out on stunning Blu-ray (Synapse).