



Halloween Hits Atlanta

- A Guide to Halloween Events Around the City -

ATLANTA (Oct. 7, 2004) – October is upon the city, and Halloween is creeping up. This year Atlanta features events and performances full of chilling tales, sweet treats and haunted history.

History and culture

On Fridays and Saturdays this October, families are invited to celebrate fall at Stone Mountain Park's 1870s town of Crossroads. The **2nd Annual Pumpkin Festival** features the South's largest pumpkin tree, a 50-foot pyramid of pumpkins; a pumpkin sculptor to demonstrate carving tricks; and a pumpkin patch. Activities include games, arts and crafts, face painting and live entertainment. Later in the month, candlelight will set the mood for the **19th Annual Tour of Southern Ghosts** at the Stone Mountain Park Antebellum Plantation, Oct. 14-17, 21-24 and 28-31. Costumed storytellers will fill trick-or-treaters' imaginations with stories about rebellious Civil and Revolutionary War ghosts.

The Atlanta History Center resurrects spirits from the past during the **Historic Halloween** event, Oct. 30. A fortune teller will guide visitors down a candlelight path to solve a mystery fit for all ages. Activities will include storytelling, a costume contest, face painting and crafts.

Scarecrows in the Garden returns to the Atlanta Botanical Garden for the third year. Dozens of imaginative scarecrows will be on display in the Children's and Woodland Shade gardens, Oct. 1-31. Educational and fun activities are scheduled every weekend in October and include storytelling, crafts and scavenger hunts. Be sure to stick around on Oct. 24 for **Goblins in the Garden**, the Atlanta Botanical Garden's annual children's Halloween costume party. Children and families gather to don creative costumes and enjoy spooky treats.

Make a full day of it at the garden and take the **Harvest Moon Stroll**, the evening of Oct. 24. Parents and kids will find the evening a perfect time to view the garden and the nighttime skies. This is a great last-chance opportunity to see *Chihuly in the Garden*, an exhibit of glass works by Dale Chihuly displayed throughout the gardens.

Attractions

Fernbank Museum of Natural History celebrates **Bugs, Bats and Bones**, Oct. 23. Kids can participate in costume contests, a scavenger hunt, live insect encounters and more. Other activities include performances by a magician, crafts and demonstrations on

building bat houses. Fernbank Celebrates Bugs, Bats and Bones concludes the 2004 Fernbank Celebrates series of family days.

Spend a spooky night at the zoo this Halloween. Families are invited to **Frightful Nightfuls Overnights**, Oct. 29 and 30, at Zoo Atlanta. Tour the diet kitchen and reptile house or get up-close-and-personal with creepy, crawly animals. Prizes will be awarded for animal costumes. Wake up to a safari tour of the zoo. For a great Halloween celebration at the zoo, check out **Boo at the Zoo**, Oct. 30 and 31. Trick-or-treat and stroll through the zoo with live music, scary storytelling and fortunetellers for entertainment.

Little ghosts and goblins are sure to enjoy the first Imagine It! Children's Museum of Atlanta **Halloween Party**, Oct. 30. Attendees will create masks, gather goodies from around the exhibit floor and show off creative costumes.

Performance Arts

Don't miss the annual Halloween concert with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Oct. 31 at the Atlanta Symphony Hall. This year the Coca-Cola Family Concert Series presents **A Classic Halloween**, featuring *Count Dracula*, with conductor Jere Flint and the Lee Harper and Dancers company. Costumes are encouraged during this afternoon of music and fun. Or mix fun, scary music and costumes at the Michael C. Carlos **Halloween Family Concert**, Oct. 31 in the reception hall. Presented by the Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta.

The Atlanta Ballet brings bloodcurdling grace to the Fox Theatre stage this fall as it presents *Dracula*, Oct. 28-31. The production is choreographed and directed by Michael Pink, with music by Philip Feeney. The gripping score, opulent sets, costumes and eerie, supernatural effects will enrapture the audience.

Adults will feel like kids again during the adult puppet show *Spooky Puppet... The Beginning*, at the Center for Puppetry Arts, Oct. 13-30. Take a terrorizing trip with characters Rod and Rosie as they travel through Spooky Halls in the thrilling prequel to *The Spooky Puppet Horror Show*. This show is for ages 18 and over only.

Special Events

Celebrate Halloween in Atlanta's most eclectic neighborhood at the **Little Five Points Halloween Festival and Parade**, Oct. 22-23. The free, outdoor event features something for everyone and boasts the 2003 *Best Festival* award by the International Festival and Events Association. Event highlights include entertainment, an 8K "Run Like Hell," an artist market, children's activities and more. Competition will heat up during the casket races and costume contest. The parade – known for being the most outrageous in Atlanta and the only parade with a U-Turn – is a sight not to be missed as it winds its way through the streets of Little Five Points.

For a genuine fright fest, visit the **Netherworld Haunted House**, Oct. 1-31. This year's Trilog of Terror features three chilling journeys into the twisting corridors of the

Georgia Antique and Design Center. The un-dead haunt the living in *Spirits of the Dead*, while guests, wearing 3-D glasses, experience a crazy world of childhood fears and fairy tales gone horribly awry in *Very Scary Tales in 3-D*. A journey through *Oblivion*, a twisted techno-industrial nightmare, will leave visitors bewildered by bizarre sights, sounds and intense gore.

For more information on these and other Halloween happenings around town, visit www.atlanta.net.

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