



Halloween Happenings are Brewing in Atlanta

- A Guide to Halloween Events Around the City -

ATLANTA (Oct. 16, 2002) – Halloween is drawing near and the ghosts and goblins are ready to descend upon the South. There is no better place to spend this Halloween than in Atlanta, a city steeped in Southern history with a few ghost stories of its own.

Filled with historic attractions and homes, Atlanta has plenty to offer every thrill seeker. Venture into the scary and unknown parts of Underground Atlanta at **The Ghost Tours of Underground**. From Oct. 24-31, ghosts from Underground Atlanta's rich history will make unexpected appearances throughout the night as guests uncover frightening places and formidable fear factors in the heart of downtown Atlanta. Free school tours will be offered on Oct. 28-29.

Searching for the haunted history of the city? The Atlanta History Center will offer a chance to visit with ghosts of the past while wandering the candlelit grounds during **Historic Halloween** on Oct. 19. Hear stories of ghosts who haunt the Center's 1840s Tullie Smith Farm and meet friendly spirits who help children solve a special mystery on the farm. Or venture just outside of the city limits on Oct. 31 to **Halloween on the Square** in Historic Downtown Clarkesville Square. The traditional Halloween Celebration will include treats, a costume contest, pictures, carnivals and a real haunted theatre.

Stone Mountain Park will offer the **17th Annual Tour of Southern Ghosts**. Held nightly from Oct. 19-31, storytellers will spin tales filled with romance, hilarity and rebellion from the past. Visitors will become acquainted with famous – and not so famous – southern ghosts along candle and lantern-lit paths in the Antebellum Plantation.

Tall tales and ghost stories of the past can be found all around this Southern city, particularly at a special **Halloween Tales and Tea** at the Ritz-Carlton, Atlanta. Children can come in costume and enjoy treats as they listen to scary tales of ghosts and goblins. For those brave souls looking for a good old-fashioned scare this Halloween, take a stroll through vine-covered ruins at Barnsley Gardens during **Spirits of Barnsley** on Oct. 25-26. Lose yourself in the true and haunting tales of the Barnsley family history while enjoying live music, roasted marshmallows and hot cider.

The Scarecrow Festival at the Atlanta Botanical Garden will startle and charm visitors with scary and imaginative scarecrows on display from Oct. 1-31. Children and young goblins can visit The Garden on Oct. 27 for the **Goblins in the Garden Costume Party**. Arrive in a spooky or zany costume and head out for Halloween treats and fun.

Creatures of the night provide a fear factor experience unlike any other. Celebrate the holiday amongst creatures of the jungle, dessert and woods at the **Heart Light Halloween**

celebration at Zoo Atlanta on Oct. 26. The celebration will include food, dancing, music, games and a silent auction benefiting the Jerusalem House. For the younger crowd, the Chattahoochee Nature Center will host **Halloween Hikes** from Oct. 18-26, giving children the opportunity to meet the woodland creatures of the forest.

Tap your toes with ghosts of the past and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra at **A Fairy Tale Halloween** at Symphony Hall. Children's favorite fairy tales, including Hansel & Gretel and Sleeping Beauty, are vividly brought to life in this special Halloween concert. Or put on your scariest get-up and join the Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta for some decidedly spooky music at the **Family Halloween Concert** on Oct. 26.

Listen to the **Tales of Terror and Fancy** at The New American Shakespeare Tavern. From Oct. 18-Nov. 2 this late night storyteller's version of *Sikes and Nancy* by Charles Dickens and *The Happy Prince* by Oscar Wilde is sure to send shivers up the spine. Enjoy the freaky dance moves and scintillating parlor games at the Center for Puppetry Arts with the **Spooky Puppet Horror Show II** from Oct. 17-Nov. 2. This cult hit that serves up entertainment for an older crowd

Get your Halloween groove on at the **5th Annual Brimstone Boogie** on Nov. 1 at the Atlanta Brewing Company. The costume party benefiting the Atlanta Community Food Bank will feature live music and DJs into the twilight hours. Dance the spirits away on Oct. 18 at **Costume Tango!** at the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center. Come in your ghoulish garb and learn the Argentine Tango and hang around after the lesson for an open Tango dance party.

Celebrate in Little Five Points at the **Little Five Points Halloween Festival & Parade**. The free, outdoor festival and parade includes an artist's market, live music, a costume contest for people and their pets, pumpkin carving and children's activities. For a true hair-raising experience venture outside of the city to wander through the halls of the **Netherworld Haunted House** from Oct. 1-Nov. 3.

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

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