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Calgary's arts scene tricks-and-treats with seedy Parisian nightlife, zombies and aliens

(Calgary, AB) – Calgary's arts scene offers tricks and treats like seedy Parisian nightlife, zombies and aliens as part of this week's must-see Halloween lineup.

Over the years, Hollywood has created countless ghoulish monsters, aliens, superheroes and fairytale characters. Trick-or-treat with the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra with music from Spiderman, Hook, E.T. and Fantasia.

Visit the Epcor Centre for the Performing Arts on November 1st for the Day of the Dead celebration. Join Calgary's Mexican community and participate in meeting La Catrina, a female skeleton and one of the icons of the tradition, take part in a parade, the creation of a traditional altar and interactive activities and games for all ages.

For grown up ghouls, try Art Central's 5th annual Monster Ball. Three floors of elegant edibles and devilish decor with money raised going to Studio C, a venue where artists with and without disabilities achieve collaboration, inspiration and immersion within Calgary's art community.

The Halloween Masqueradio, presented by Green Fools Theatre, CJSW 90.9FM and The Uptown, promises an original spectacle production featuring music, mask, puppets and acrobatics. Get spooked by an angel somersaulting down the side of the building, a bag-piper and his haunting melody on the roof and zombies weaving their way through the crowd.

Experience the seedy side of the Parisian nightlife that enthralled artists Toulouse Lautrec and Vincent Van Gogh with Shadows of the Night at the Calgary Opera's Grave Gala. Watch out for the gentleman of the dark Montmartre underbelly, complete with top hat and cape.

This week's spooky CalgaryCulture.com highlights:

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organizations, and all Calgarians are encouraged to sign up for the free newsletter from CalgaryCulture.com – it's the easiest way to tap into the dozens of arts events, festivals and cultural celebrations happening each week in Calgary.

Meeting La Catrina

October 29 – 31, 6 – 8pm, Centre Court, Epcor Centre for the Performing Arts

La Catrina and a roving musician will be interacting with the public and inviting them to the main celebration on November 1st.

Severo and the Day of the Dead

November 1, 5:30 – 9pm, EPCOR CENTRE for the Performing Arts

Severo and the Day of the Dead

Written by Meg Braem – based on a traditional Mexican folktale; featuring members of the Mexican Community in Calgary.

Pre-show: Dead Parade (Journey of the Dead) plus interactive activities at the Arts Learning Centre.

Traditional Altar

Under the guidance of a Mexican artist, members of the Mexican Community will participate in the creation of the main altar, which will reside in the Epcor Centre and will travel during the Parade of the Dead.

Parade of the Dead

The parade will begin at 5:30pm, and will finish by 5:45pm. Members of Severo and the Day of the Dead play along with musicians will parade through the Epcor Centre to the Engineered Air Lobby, which will be decorated as the 'Land of the Dead'.

The Land of the Dead

The Engineered Air Theatre Lobby will be transformed into a gathering place for those celebrating and honoring the Day of the Dead. Games, decorations, food, and drink will be available.

Games of the Dead

The Arts Learning Centre will provide games and activities in an interactive environment for people to experience the Day of the Dead.

[The Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra presents Haunted Hollywood](#)

October 30 & 31, Jack Singer Concert Hall

Trick-or-treat through Hollywood as we celebrate ghoulish monsters, aliens, superheroes and fairytale characters of the stage and screen. With music from Spiderman, Hook, Fantasia, E.T. and more, you won't want to miss this spooktacular good time for all ages! Costumes welcome.

[5th Annual Monster Ball](#)

October 30, Art Central

Prospect Presents The 5th Annual Monster Ball in support of Studio C

Join art supporters and enthusiasts for Calgary's chicest Halloween Costume Ball - a three-story gala with elegant edibles, devilish decor and creepy characters.

[Halloween Masqueradio](#)

October 31, Uptown Theatre/Marquee Room

Green Fools Theatre's notorious annual event! Joined by CJSW 90.9FM and The Uptown for the party of the year.

Featuring The Sharp Ends, Extra Happy Ghost!!! and The Rigormorticians.

An angel somersaulting down the side of the building, a bag-piper and his haunting melody on the roof, zombies weaving their way through the crowd, a little girl in rubber boots resting your red regrets in a suitcase, Green Fools presents an original spectacle production each Halloween featuring music, mask, puppets, acrobatics & more.

[Calgary Opera presents Grave Gala](#)

October 31, Hotel Arts

Each year, a different haunting theme takes over Hotel Arts just for the occasion. This year we visit the seedy side of the Parisian nightlife that enthralled artists Toulouse Lautrec and Vincent Van Gogh with Shadows of the Night. For the event, our pink-haired muse has been reborn yet again, this time as a dashing gentleman of the dark Montmartre underbelly, complete with top hat and cape.

[FunnyFest Halloween of Spooky Laughs](#)

October 31, Old Spaghetti Factory, 222 3 Street SW

FunnyFest is raising funds for the Salvation Army with their Halloween of Spooky Laughs.

Featuring four comics (Joe Delorey, Stu Hughes & two others), plus FunnyFest favourite Paul K. \$3000 in prizes for best costume and funniest costume.

[Bull Story: Recent Prints of Gary Olson](#)

Halloween opening reception, October 31, Artist Proof Gallery, 2010F 11 St. SE

In his recent prints, drawings and artist's books, Calgary-based artist Gary Olson uses his alter egos, the devil and the bull, to explore the male ego and the role of masculinity in his life and work.

[Storybook Theatre presents: The Legend of Sleepy Hallow](#)

Until October 31, Pumphouse Theatre, 2140 Pumphouse Ave SW

The classic tale of a small American country town, where superstitions abound and strange tales are told. Ichabod Crane falls in love with the beautiful Katrina Van Tassell (and her fortune) and tries to woo her away from his rival, prankster Brom Bones, until one night he is pursued by the Headless Horseman and disappears.

Adventure Theatre we recommend for slightly older audiences, primarily school aged children and families.

[Halloween Family Day with the Heritage Weavers and Spinners](#)

October 31, Art Gallery of Calgary

Come on down to the Art Gallery of Calgary for a Halloween-themed Family Day! Explore and experiment with the tools of the Weavers and Spinners under the enthusiastic direction of the talented women of the Heritage Weavers and Spinners Guild of Calgary. Come in costume if you like; Halloween treats for all!

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