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### **All Hallows Eve is a terrifyingly good time**

**Naperville, IL** — It's that time of year for Naper Settlement's annual Halloween scare fest, All Hallows Eve, where the 12-acre museum campus and its 13 historic buildings turn into the ultimate village of fear. All Hallows Eve will be held from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14 and 15 at the museum, located at 523 S. Webster St., Naperville. Tickets are \$15 per person and are available online at [www.napersettlement.org](http://www.napersettlement.org) or at the door.

"This year's All Hallows Eve is breathing new life into our celebration of the undead," said Adison Glick, Naper Settlement's special events coordinator. "It is a unique Halloween event where instead of just one haunted house, guests are frightened by over a dozen bone-chilling haunts and multiple outdoor attractions."

Former Walt Disney artist and current Naperville resident, R.J. Ogren has partnered with Naper Settlement to bring an exciting new haunt this year, the H.H. Holmes' Murder Castle. Visitors will take a step inside the first Chicago serial killer's house during the 1893 World's Columbian Exhibition. Taking place in the Martin Mitchell Mansion, Ogren is painting scenes and using special effects for a venue that he says is already a great backdrop for his ideas.

"The mansion is a phenomenal house in itself," said Ogren. "I'm inspired by transforming the house minimally to give visitors some creepy and good scares. I look forward to seeing people's reactions and hopefully they'll like what I've done and come back for more."

Presented by Wheaton Drama, Ogren will be directing the theatre group's 20 actors to tell H.H. Holmes' story and to give tours. Ogren and his wife, Suzanne, will also have a booth set up on the grounds to sign books, like his popular "The Design of Fear" where Ogren tells stories of working on Disney's haunted attractions, like The Haunted Mansion and Queen Mary's Shipwreck.

An All Hallows Eve favorite, Edgar Allen Poe Stories, returns to the Schoolhouse where visitors can hear Poe's terrifying tales of madness and murder. Storyteller and actor, Dan Theleen, returns for his eleventh year. After moving to Michigan in 2012, Theleen has continued to make the drive to Naper Settlement to not only scare visitors, but to hopefully make them fall in love with Edgar Allen Poe.

"When you read [Edgar Allen Poe] in high school you're bored to sobs," said Theleen. "But when visitors leave after I've told them a story, I have heard them ask why their teachers

haven't read [Poe's stories] to them like that. I get plenty of excitement and thrills personally, but the longer I do this the more opportunity I have to spark a thrill in someone else's life.”

Returning favorites include Potter Fate – Death by Prophecy, presented by the Magical Starlight Theatre, Zombie Maze, the Mummy's Tomb and Journey through the Underworld, Torture Dungeon, Death Tour, Frankenstein's Laboratory, Sweeney Todd, Dracula's Lair, Salem Witch Trials and Lizzie Borden. New attractions will include a brand new fire performance area, new stage performers, a reptile show, a photo booth and twice as many strolling characters. Food will also be provided by Chick-fil-A, Ol Tyme Kettle Korn, Joeys Red Hots and Dinky Donuts.

All Hallows Eve is not recommended for children 8 years old and younger or for those who are easily scared. Non-costumed volunteers are also needed for this event. For more information, call (630) 420-6010 or visit [www.napersettlement.org](http://www.napersettlement.org).

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#### **About Naper Settlement and the Naperville Heritage Society**

Naper Settlement is a nationally accredited, award-winning outdoor museum set on 12 magnificent acres in the heart of Naperville, where history comes to play and community comes to connect. The Naperville Heritage Society is the administrator of Naper Settlement. With a commitment to the community and a focus to the future, the mission of the Naperville Heritage Society is to collect, document, preserve and support the history of Naperville, Illinois, past and present. For more information, visit [napersettlement.org](http://napersettlement.org) or call (630) 420-6010.