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### THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE CELEBRATES SPOOKY SEASON WITH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA AND PROCESSION OF THE GHOULS

*Beloved event features Artist in Residence Ralph Lee and the Mettawee River Theatre Company,  
silent film with live organ accompaniment*



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Lovers of the Halloween season rejoice! The Cathedral of St. John the Divine's beloved annual Halloween Extravaganza returns to celebrate All Hallow's Eve **on Friday, October 29, 2021 at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, 1047 Amsterdam Avenue (at 112th Street).**

The Halloween Extravaganza has been a tradition for decades, and the Cathedral is pleased to welcome back live audiences for the start of the Halloween weekend. Two seatings will be offered at 7 and 10 pm for all those in search of an October treat. The evening begins with classic silent film *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari*, accompanied by organist Timothy Brumfield, summoning up Halloween chills and thrills. Master puppeteer and Cathedral Artist in Residence Ralph Lee, joined by the members of the Mettawee River Theatre Company acting out the roles of ghouls and goblins, will exhilarate audiencemembers with delightful seasonal fright.

More special tours and gatherings are planned to celebrate the end of October. The Cathedral's famous Crypt Crawls, ushering visitors into the rarely-seen depths of the spectacular Gothic

building, will also return both in person and online for 2021, with tours planned for Friday, October 29 and Saturday, October 30. Also on Saturday, the Cathedral will partner with the West 111<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association to host trick or treating and children's activities outside on the Cathedral grounds. Rounding out the season, the Cathedral will commemorate the feasts of All Saints and All Souls with a series of worship services and public gatherings, paying tribute to the heroes of the COVID-19 pandemic and honoring the thousands of lives lost.

For health and safety reasons, seats will be limited for the 2021 Halloween Extravaganza. Attendees will be required to provide proof of COVID vaccination prior to entry.

Halloween Extravaganza tickets are \$40. For information on all of the Cathedral's October events and services, [visit the Cathedral's website.](#)

### **About The Cathedral**

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine is the Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. It is chartered as a house of prayer for all people and a unifying center of intellectual light and leadership.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cathedral has responded to changing needs in the local community and across the city and state. People from many faiths and communities worship together in daily services held online and in person; the soup kitchen serves roughly 50,000 meals annually; social service outreach has an increasingly varied roster of programs to safely provide resources and aid to the hardest-hit New Yorkers; the distinguished Cathedral School prepares young students to be future leaders; Advancing the Community of Tomorrow, the renowned preschool, afterschool and summer program, offers diverse educational and nurturing experiences; the outstanding Textile Conservation Lab preserves world treasures; concerts, exhibitions, performances and civic gatherings allow conversation, celebration, reflection and remembrance—such is the joyfully busy life of this beloved and venerated Cathedral.

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