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Seven Short, Spooky Theatre Productions Take Center Stage In Stage 773's One Act Festival: Halloween Edition



CHICAGO, IL –Stage 773 has a treat for October audiences in the **ONE ACT FESTIVAL: HALLOWEEN EDITION**. Seven theatre companies provide chills and thrills on Friday nights from October 9 through October 30 at 10:30 p.m. at **Stage 773**, 1225 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago, in this series of Halloween, haunted, or horror-themed one act shows. This third installment of the **Stage 773** One Act Festival features spook-tacular stories from Babes With Blades Theatre Company, Cold Basement Dramatics, Hobo Junction Productions, New Millennium Theatre Company, Organic Theater Company, (re)discover theatre, and The Ruckus. The talent in this this festival production, sharing a single stage, is downright scary.

“The One Act Festival is incredibly fun for the artists and audiences,” said Stage 773 Director of Programs Amanda Jane Long. “The commission for the seven companies

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is to present a Halloween, haunted, or horror themed story in the style of their company. Each group of artists is unique; it's thrilling to see what they bring when we all come together. Audiences can expect to see terrific theatre ensembles doing fresh work."

Opening the series of one-acts, Babes with Blades Theatre Company presents *WINDOW DRESSING*, the tale of an art school sell-out on No-Doz who designs a window display late into the night at a Sears's store that hasn't changed since the 1970s. When her mind plays dangerous tricks on her in the dark, you'll never want to visit Women's Accessories again. Cold Basement Dramatics presents *AN EXCERPT FROM GOBLIN*, a scene from the play that follows the path of 5 people who start a church after a large natural disaster. When two characters are trapped in a janitor's closet with a most unlikely "companion," a kidney, what happens next surprises even them. In a new side of the well-known story, Hobo Junction Productions presents *BERNIE TODD: THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET.... 'S BROTHER*. The story of the brothers of Sweeney Todd and Victor Frankenstein who open a law firm, only to quickly realize that their siblings' reputations for murdering people is proving to be a huge PR nightmare. They want clients so badly, they'd practically kill for them.

Organic Theater Company presents *THE HAUNTER OF THE DARK*, evoking the primitive fear of the unknown while utilizing theatrical aesthetics and principles. Urban legend blends with terrifying true accounts as (re)discover theatre company presents *WENDIGO*, the tale of four people who enter a cave, seeking refuge from a storm. The details of that night have never been revealed...until now. The Ruckus presents *GRETEL*, a sickeningly sweet and unique twist on the story of Hansel & Gretel that sheds a grim new light on the classic tale. Finally, in a story straight from the Retirement Circle of Hell, a place where monsters and slashers are able to live out their twilight years away from the chaotic horror icon life, New Millennium Theatre Company presents *WHITEHAIR ON ELM STREET*, giving a comedic twist to cultural mainstays.

STAGE 773 ONE ACT FESTIVAL: HALLOWEEN EDITION will take place in the Box Theater every Friday from October 9 through October 30 at 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at www.Stage773.com or by calling 773.327.5252.

About Stage 773

Stage 773 is a vibrant anchor of the Belmont Theatre District and home to Chicago's finest off-Loop talent. As a performance and tenant venue, our four stages provide entertainment for everyone: comedy, theatre, dance, musicals and more. We are a not-for-profit, connecting and catalyzing the theater community, while showcasing established artists and incubating up-and-coming talent.

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