

# Haunted City

Haunted City is an annual October celebration of the macabre in Salem's history. The successor to the Peabody-Essex Museum's discontinued Eerie Events, Haunted City makes use of the entire city of Salem, where period houses and historic landmarks provide the atmosphere.

This unique, four-night program features **costumed actors** performing **original monologues** in authentic settings. Visitors are entertained and serenaded along the route by musical groups, jugglers and other costumed performers.

**Three eerie tales**, each lasting around ten minutes, are performed continuously throughout the evening, in three unique locations around Salem.



Visitors may attend as many or as few activities as they wish - typically spending an hour to three hours.

## Macabre Themes

Haunted City tales are inspired by and related to the unique macabre heritage of Salem. Authors as diverse as Nathaniel Hawthorne and H. P. Lovecraft have set their stories in Salem, and used the tragic Witchcraft Trials of 1692 and the spectacular wealth amassed during the China Trade as lenses through which to examine the darker side of human nature.

Haunted City uses the settings made infamous by Hawthorne and Lovecraft to create an

eerie experience spanning three centuries and numerous literary and artistic movements.

## Volunteers

Haunted City relies heavily on dedicated volunteers -- who check tickets, help the actors, and direct visitors on all four nights of fun. A limited number of opportunities exist for interns interested in museum event planning and education. Call 978-744-8815 to find out more about becoming a Haunted City volunteer or intern.



## Actors

If you would like to audition for the Haunted City cast, please send your headshot and resume to: Haunted City, c/o The Witch House, P.O. Box 465, Salem, MA 01970. The Witch House is a member of StageSource and attends the Annual Auditions.