



LONDON HORROR FESTIVAL

25TH OCT - 29TH NOV 2011
THE COURTYARD THEATRE, HOXTON

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GREETINGS

Welcome to the UK's first independent festival of horror in the performing arts. Bringing together a thrilling selection of theatre, comedy, music and performance from across the UK, it seeks to showcase the wide range of talent and imagination which the genre can inspire.

London has a proud history of horror performance. It was here that the bloody Jacobean tragedies of Kyd and Middleton were first staged, and it was here that Grand Guignol found its second home in the 1920's. There has been a resurgence of interest in onstage horror in recent years, and our festival has been established to celebrate and explore the talented companies who are bringing it back from the grave.

In collaboration with The Courtyard Theatre, Hoxton, Theatre of the Damned have developed a programme which reflects the power of the macabre to shock, to move, to titillate and above all to entertain. In its inaugural year the festival contains disturbing adaptations of classic horror fiction, bold new writing, the blackest of comedy and revivals of some of the world's most gruesome dramas. The dead shall rise, the guilty will batten on the innocent and the people in the front rows may leave spattered in gore.

With three shows running each evening, and a host of other events to be announced, we hope you'll join us for London's first winter of horror. Please explore our programme and be sure to check our website regularly for special announcements.

This year, Halloween is only the beginning.

25TH OCT - 29TH NOV



REVENGE OF THE GRAND GUIGNOL

THEATRE OF THE DAMNED

Scientists inflict cruel experiments on unsuspecting patients.
A long buried secret drags itself from the earth.
Terror goes online as a kinky game ends in disaster.
As the blitz rages, madness descends on a forgotten factory.

Four plays. One night. No mercy. Theatre of the Damned return with 4 brutal new dramas inspired by the Parisian Théâtre du Grand-Guignol.

19:30 @ The Courtyard Main House | Tickets £16 (£12 concessions)

25TH OCT - 30TH OCT



BREATHING SPACE

LAURA STEEL & ARDEN REDGRAVE

Leonard Walker is a US acting coach who pushes his students to murky psychological recesses in the hope of improving their acting skills. Yet he doesn't ever seem to teach them anything about acting. When Claire, a British actress, sees through him, Leonard does all he can to humiliate her and destroy her presence within the group. Disturbing, and darkly funny, Breathing Space is a new play from a new writer, Dallace Jones.

19:30 @ The Courtyard Studio | Tickets £12 (£10 concessions)

25TH OCT - 6TH NOV



THE DUNWICH HORROR

ORROR PRODUCTIONS

In a lonely and curious part of the country – near a small, foetid village – on a strange mountain top – a bitter old wizard cries out! Here is born the doom of all mankind.

Populated by cast of twisted characters, strange monsters and eerie whippoorwills, The Dunwich Horror is one of H.P. Lovecraft's greatest tales. A brooding sense of something out of place, that builds to a terrific climax. The author considered the story "so fiendish that Weird Tales may not dare to print it."

21:30 @ The Courtyard Studio | Tickets £15 (£10 concessions)

1ST NOV - 6TH NOV



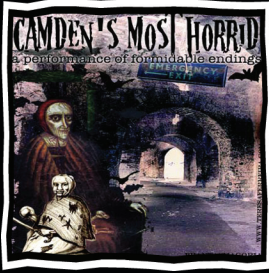
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WHAT! WHAT! THEATRE COMPANY

Neighbours from hell and Lotto winners, Dolly and Clint Wood are having the time of their lives. Suddenly, they find themselves sitting on their sofa with a hazy memory of the 'previous night's' antics. Just then, in walks a new young couple, Helen and John, who start to re-decorate. Realising they are in fact now deceased and not wanting to let death get the better of them, the Woods decide try to force the couple out. The nosy neighbour Betty Box gets involved and things take a really bizarre turn.

19:30 @ The Courtyard Studio | Tickets £12 (£10 concessions)

8TH NOV - 10TH NOV



CAMDEN'S MOST HORRID: A PERFORMANCE OF FORMIDABLE ENDINGS

PHANTASMAGORIA PRODUCTIONS

"You are cordially invited to a historical meeting by Professor Gary Cranks who will enthral us with the details from his latest discovery found hidden in the depths of the Camden Catacombs." However, the meeting takes a turn for the worse.

Discover the darker side to Camden's past as we present a plethora of formidable characters, such as Mary Shelly, the Highgate Vampire, Old Mother Red Cap and Dr Crippen, in an ingenious dramatisation of their life stories.

19:30 @ The Courtyard Studio | Tickets £12 (£10 concessions)

8TH NOV - 20TH NOV



THE WOODS ARE LOVELY

FACSIMILE PRODUCTIONS

Cool and peaceful after the hub-bub and noise of everyday life. Out here the worries of work are far away. Out here nobody can get in contact with you to hassle you about this or that. In fact, out here nobody can get in contact with you at all. Come to think of it, you can't get in contact with them either.

Out here you're all by yourself. Sounds lovely.

21:30 @ The Courtyard Studio | Tickets £12 (£10 concessions)

11TH NOV - 13TH NOV



THE MONSTER HUNTERS

NEWGATE PRODUCTIONS

Assigned by Sir Maxwell House to investigate London's newest nightspot, The Discothèque of Nights, Roy Steel and Lorrimer Chesterfield must run a gauntlet of beautiful but deadly vampire twins who force them to remember some of their most dangerous cases. Roy faces betrayal by an old friend and a mysterious bog creature stalking the marshes of Eastern Europe, while Lorrimer is the target of a mummified hand on a mission of vengeance. Can they face their fears and together end the vampiric truth behind the deadly disco?

19:30 @ The Courtyard Studio | Tickets £10 (£8 concessions)

15TH NOV - 17TH NOV



ZOMBIE SCIENCE 12

ZOMBIE INSTITUTE FOR THEORETICAL STUDIES

Enrol now for a spoof lecture on the real science behind the undead. Featuring a multi-media presentation, live demonstrations and an online exam certified by the Zombie Institute for Theoretical Studies (ZITS) Theoretical Zombiologist Doctor Austin teaches how a zombie outbreak might occur, its effect on humans and importantly how to stop it. Show supported by the Wellcome Trust/University of Glasgow. "Superbly entertaining...Doctor Austin is quirky and engaging, a delicate mixture of innocence and darker undertones" ***** – Edinburgh Spotlight

19:30 @ The Courtyard Studio | Tickets £12 (£10 concessions)

18TH NOV - 20TH NOV



LIVE. FRESH - AND DEAD...

THE IMPROBARIOS

This highly-skilled company of actors take your suggestions and improvise a brand new horror every evening – all made up on the night. Now established as one of London's top improvisation groups, they have performed at venues across the UK, including The Lyric Studio in Hammersmith, The Old Vic Tunnels, Exeter Phoenix Black Box (at the Exeter Fringe Festival), Theatre503 and The Courtyard Studio. "They did the damn near impossible: build a story of length that works...genuinely touching with great performances." Harry Giles, Theatre Director

19:30 @ The Courtyard Studio | Tickets £12 (£10 concessions)

22ND NOV - 23TH NOV



THE WHITE HOUSE

IN THE GUTTER PRODUCTIONS

In the twilight years of the 18th century, the notorious White House brothel catered to the specialised tastes of London's more adventurous and discerning clientele. Now The White House opens its doors once more, inviting you in to experience the most infamous of illicit pleasures, to explore the most scandalous of secrets, and to share in the darkest of fantasies. In The Gutter Productions will take you on an immersive sensual journey through this seductive, dangerous world where anything can be yours – for a price.

19:30 @ The Courtyard Studio | Tickets £12 (£10 concessions)

22ND NOV - 23TH NOV



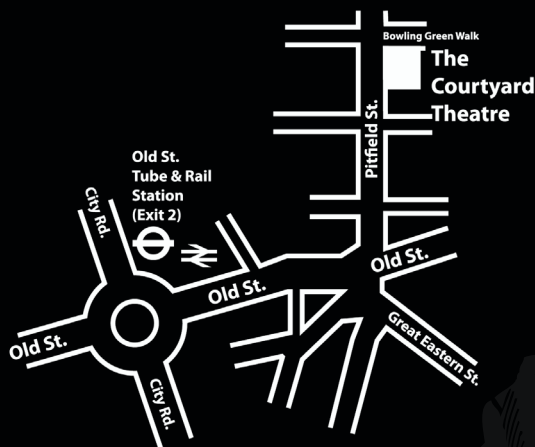
THE ORGY IN THE LIGHTHOUSE & OTHER DARK TALES

LE NOUVEAU GUIGNOL

Le Nouveau Guignol presents three brutally stark plays for the London Horror Festival, bringing together two classic Grand-Guignol plays whilst showcasing new writing in the genre. Ed Allenby's new script Penalty shows the gruesome price a young woman is forced to pay for a perceived insult, whilst in the classic Guignol comedy Chop-Chop! a man finds himself stuck in a guillotine with his lover's husband in charge of the controls! The Orgy in the Lighthouse – until now considered too shocking for the British stage – charts the descent of a light-hearted party into torture and murder...

21:30 @ The Courtyard Studio | Tickets £12 (£10 concessions)

THE VENUE



HOW TO FIND US

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Route 214, Route 271, Route N35,
Route N55, Route N76

THE COURTYARD THEATRE

The Courtyard Theatre, Hoxton has established itself as one of London's finest fringe venues, and will play host to the first London Horror Festival. Shows take place in both the Main House and Studio Spaces, and there will be a host of other events taking place across the building.

Nestled within the shell of historic Hoxton Library, yards away from the site of the Hollywell Mount plague pits and Hoxton House lunatic asylum, the Courtyard offers the perfect setting for our winter of horror and the macabre.

THE IAMBIC BAR

The Courtyard boasts an excellent and eclectic theatre-bar, praised by the Guardian for possessing the best wine selection of any in the city. Throughout the festival the bar will be serving a range of deliciously ghoulish themed cocktails, and will play host to a number of special events.

CREDITS

FESTIVAL PRODUCER

Laura Steel

FESTIVAL CURATORS

Stewart Pringle & Tom Richards

CO-EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS

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ORGANISERS

The London Horror Festival is organised by Theatre of the Damned and The Courtyard Theatre.



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the courtyard

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NIGHT OF THE DAMNED



On the evening of October 31st the Courtyard opens its doors to the creatures of the night in an evening of gothic rock, electro-carnage and undead hordes.

FEATURING:

RELEASE THE BATS

Alice Cooper meets The Birthday Party down a dark alley in Transylvania. Gothic rock done hard and dirty, we're proud to welcome Release the Bats to headline our first Night of the Damned.

CORPSE LIGHTS

Wailing synthesisers tremble beneath inhuman voices, empowering Corpse Lights to send out waves of Hex-hop that lap at the shores of the spirit world.

More TBC

The evening will be interlaced with immersive performances, strange occurrences and chance slayings. Dress for an orgy in an undertakers.

HALLOWEEN AT THE LONDON HORROR FESTIVAL

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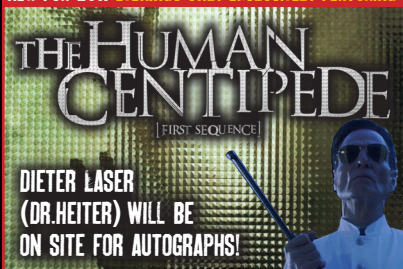


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WEEK 1	Tue 25 th Oct	Revenge of the Grand Guignol	Breathing Space	The Dunwich Horror	
	Wed 26 th Oct				
	Thu 27 th Oct				
	Fri 28 th Oct				
	Sat 29 th Oct				
	Sun 30 th Oct				
WEEK 2	Mon 31 st Oct	Night of the Damned			
	Tue 1 st Nov	Revenge of the Grand Guignol	Possession is 9/10 ^{ths}	The Dunwich Horror	
	Wed 2 nd Nov				
	Thu 3 rd Nov				
	Fri 4 th Nov				
	Sat 5 th Nov				
Sun 6 th Nov					
WEEK 3	Mon 7 th Nov	No performances Mondays			
	Tue 8 th Nov	Revenge of the Grand Guignol	Camden's Most Horrid: a performance of formidable endings	The Woods are Lovely	
	Wed 9 th Nov				
	Thu 10 th Nov		The Monster Hunters		
	Fri 11 th Nov				
	Sat 12 th Nov				
Sun 13 th Nov					
WEEK 4	Mon 14 th Nov	No performances Mondays			
	Tue 15 th Nov	Revenge of the Grand Guignol	Zombie Science 1Z	The Woods are Lovely	
	Wed 16 th Nov				
	Thu 17 th Nov		Fresh, Live - and Dead...		
	Fri 18 th Nov				
	Sat 19 th Nov				
Sun 20 th Nov					
WEEK 5	Mon 21 st Nov	No performances Mondays			
	Tue 22 nd Nov	Revenge of the Grand Guignol	The White House	The Orgy in the Lighthouse & other dark tales	
	Wed 23 rd Nov				
	Thu 24 th Nov				
	Fri 25 th Nov				
	Sat 26 th Nov				
Sun 27 th Nov					