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## Halloween PARTIES

**Atomic Sketch Event Halloween Edition:** Eight established and emerging local artists dress as their favorite creatives or works of art and create mixed media works, paintings, drawings and more on site. When they're done, browsers can buy the works at affordable prices ranging from \$1-\$50. Are you an artist? Dress in costume, too, and DVO sketch and paint materials to create your own pieces to display and sell. Drink specials include \$2 Templeton Rye cocktails. 6 p.m. Oct. 31; no cover. Evil Olive, 1551 W. Division St.; 773-235-9100.

**Barry R. Bone's Burlesque Brothel:** Red Hot Annie, Pearl Pistol, Naughty Natanna, Sabine Slaughter, Lady Jack and Siren Jinx perform in a Halloween-themed show full of tricks, treats and mischief. Includes an appearance by Chicago Outfit Derby Girls and Vaudeville's Vipers. 9 p.m. Oct. 30; \$10-\$13. darlroom, 220 W. Chicago Ave.; 773-276-1411.

**Boo & Brew: The Haunted Pub Crawl Tour:** Sip cocktails at Plan B, then board a bus for stops at four allegedly haunted bars. Includes a T-shirt, drink specials at each spot, and cocktails afterward at Plan B. 7 p.m. Oct. 30; \$40, reservations required. Plan B, 1035 N. Milwaukee Ave.; 773-252-2660.

**Boo Bash:** A benefit costume party



Enjoy Halloween pumpkin decorating, storytelling, scary movies, live performances, and a haunted village at the 12th annual Franken Plaza celebration in Daley Plaza. MILBERT G. BROWN/TRIBUNE 2007

**Halloween Party At Raw Bar:** Dress in costume for a chance to win a \$500 bar gift certificate and dance as Washington, D.C.'s DJ Amir spins American, Persian and Arabic beats. Drink specials include \$5 cocktails. 9

house features 20 different scary scenes: 7 p.m. Oct. 30-Nov. 1, \$20 VIP tickets \$15-\$20. Egyptian Theatre, 135 N. 2nd St., DeKalb; 815-758-3215.

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**Carnival Of Curiosities:** Head to Pier Park near the Ferris wheel to mingle with costumed characters. At 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, see jugglers, fire spinners, acrobats, sword swallowers, drummers and silent walkers perform. 4 p.m. Oct. 1; 1 p.m. Nov. 1; free. Navy Pier, 600 E. and Ave.; 312-525-7437.

**The Flaming Dames in Hell's Hell:** A Halloween burlesque show features traditional striptease, seasonal songs and devilish hosts. 10 p.m. Oct. 31; \$15 (tickets: mtchicago.org). The Spot, 4437 N. Broadway; 312-438-9083.

**Franken Plaza:** The 12th annual

**Spooky Shred:** A two-week celebration features a chance to see creepy crawlers such as tarantulas and pythons, an appearance by bat expert Rob Miles (Oct. 19) and more. Also features an overnight slumber party on Oct. 31, 10 a.m. Oct. 30-Oct. 31; \$15.50-\$125. Ogeel Aquarium, 1000 S. Lake Shore Drive; 312-539-2438.

**TOURS**

**Chicago Hauntings Ghost Tours:** A bus tour of locations featured in Ursula Bielski's "Chicago Haunts" book series. Visit Hull House, Death Alley, the sites of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre and Eastland Disaster and more. 7 p.m. Oct. 30; 7 p.m. 10

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**Halloween At Martini Park: A costume party features cash prizes for best getup and live music by Rendition. 8 p.m. Oct. 31; cover varies. Martini Park, 51 W. Erie St.; 312-640-0577.**

Beware the heckler, who doesn't have a nice to say to haunted house ghouls

By Christopher Borrelli  
TRIBUNE REPORTER

Dozer the Evil Clown, aviator goggles resting on his bloodied forehead, has led a difficult life. We're talking shop, and he's telling me about his hard-scrabble existence as an evil entertainer. On this cold October evening, the line to get into the Dungeon of Doom haunted house, on the concrete midway of the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake, has grown into a 90-minute snake of sullen teenagers smoking and shifting weight and texting. Normally, Dozer would be hazing this line, warming up patrons for the horrors that await inside. But Dozer, whose real name is Martin Nelson, was called over by Krawl, whose real name is John Seaman. Krawl resembles some primate bilker from the island of Dr. Moreau, his rag-doll costume studded with spikes, his nose pugged, Kasper the Unfriendly wanders over, too.

Any hecklers? I ask.

"Do we get hecklers?" Dozer mottley crew—indeed, squirt a Motley Crue, circa 1984—burst cackle. They huddle around, flash smiles, relishing the opportunit secrets. "If you're talking, 'Do who mess with you?' Then yes, or three times a week, at least, how often."

"Two, three times a night," c Unfriendly. "And that's everyth complete physical altercations, downs, where you roll around legitimately try to defend them're understandable—they're surprtial. But some—it's like they're concept of entertainment."

Dozer nods, his homicidal fa "Man, let me tell you, in this jo

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**9/3-9/30**  
**X-Excutioner's Ball VII:** A two-night costume party and contest jointly hosted by Vision Nightclub (632 N. Dearborn St.) features \$10,000 in cash and prizes. 7 p.m. Oct. 31-Nov. 1; \$10-\$15. Escalibur, 632 N. Dearborn St.; 312-266-1944.

**Halloween At Fuel Room:** Halloween party includes a performance by Harbangers Ball and costume contest. 8 p.m. Oct. 31; \$6-\$10. Austin's Salon and Eatery, 481 Peterson Rd., Libertyville; 847-549-1872.

**Halloween At Ghost Bar:** A costume party features deejay sets and themed cocktails such as the "Gh0stier" (Absolut vodka, melon liqueur and a splash of sour mix; \$12); and "Sp0ster C0der" (Bassett Calvados, Absolut Peach, Cointreau, agave nectar and pomegranate juice; \$10). 9 p.m. Oct. 31; no cover. Nite, 440 W. Randolph St.; 312-575-9900.

**Halloween At Joe's:** Rock band Dot Dot Dot performs live and DJ Gusto spins during a costume party with cash prizes for the best get-up. 8 p.m. Oct. 31; \$10. Joe's, 940 W. Weed St.; 312-337-9486.

**Halloween At Martini Park:** A costume party features cash prizes for best getup and live music by Rendition. 8 p.m. Oct. 31; cover varies. Martini Park, 51 W. Erie St.; 312-640-0577.

**Halloween At Vines On Clark:** Holiday drink specials include \$4 Jager bombs and \$5 Captain and ciders. 8 p.m. Oct. 31; no cover. Vines on Clark, 3554 N. Clark St.; 773-327-8572.

**Halloween Bash At Murphy's Bleachers:** Includes food, drinks, live music by El Guapo, a costume contest and raffle prizes. 7 p.m. Oct. 30; \$35. Murphy's Bleachers, 3655 N. Sheffield Ave.; 773-327-1389.

**Halloween Bash At O'Donovan's:** A costume party features deejay sets, beer, wine, cocktails, appetizers and prizes for the most original get-ups. 9 p.m. Oct. 31; \$40. O'Donovan's, 2100 W. Irving Park Rd.; 773-478-2100.

**10/31-11/1**  
**Nightmares: Basement Of The Dead:** The fictional father-son duo of Al and Impy Kiyka worked in a now-shuttered laundry factory, where an explosion in 1964 disfigured them both. The duo was never seen again and now, as the story goes, they seek revenge. Visit the basement where they used to work and explore dimmed rooms and a slew of "torture chambers." 7 p.m. Oct. 30-Nov. 1; \$13. Nightmares, 42 W. New York St.; Aurora.

**Scram Scene:** A haunted house features more than 20 creepy rooms inhabited by ghosts, clowns and ghouls. 7 p.m. Oct. 31-Nov. 1; \$8. Not recommended for children under age 10. Stable Water Playground, 4700 Oakton St., Skokie; 847-674-3300.

**Trails Of Terror:** Creepy characters infest a half-mile of trails. Not suitable for young children. 6 p.m. Oct. 30-Oct. 31; \$8. Peterson Park, 5801 N. Plutaski Rd.; 312-742-7584.

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