



REGENT SCARE! REGENT SQUARE THEATER RE-OPENS WITH A WEEKEND OF HALLOWEEN FRIGHTS AND DELIGHTS

Regent Square Theater reopens October 27th with Regent SCARE!: a 5-day roster of Halloween films including a FREE screening of the restored, George Romero-alumni film 'Effects'

PITTSBURGH, PA (October 2, 2017) – Pittsburgh Filmmakers/Pittsburgh Center for the Arts (PF/PCA), is excited to announce the grand re-opening of Regent Square Theater with a special “Regent SCARE!” Halloween series running Friday, October 27 through Tuesday, October 31, 2017. The five-day special event will include a wide selection of beloved and classic scary movies rated G-R, a spooky photo booth in the theater’s storefront, and other fun Halloween-themed activities for children and adults. On October 31, the theater will also participate in Regent Square’s annual Halloween celebration.

“Whether you’re screaming ‘til you’re laughing, laughing ‘til you’re crying, or just screaming, we have a bit of everything to celebrate the humor and horror in Halloween,” says Lauren Goshinski, PF/PCA’s Director of Exhibitions & Programming. “All of us at Filmmakers and the Center for the Arts are excited to start breathing life back into this historic theater alongside film lovers throughout Pittsburgh.”

Among the featured films are *Effects*, a recently restored, low-budget meta horror film about a low-budget horror film gone very, very wrong by George Romero’s close friends Tom Savini (*Dawn of the Dead*), Joe Pilato (*Day of the Dead*) and John Harrison (*Creepshow*). *Effects*, which was shot entirely in Pittsburgh, will screen FREE on opening night (October 27)--monikered “Hometown Horrors”--along with Tim Burton’s *Beetlejuice*, starring Pittsburgh-native Michael Keaton, and the Oscar-award winning *The Silence of the Lambs*, which was also shot primarily in Pittsburgh.

Other highlights include: *Dracula* (1931), the timeless classic starring Bela Lugosi; *Drácula* (1931), the celebrated Spanish version which utilized the same sets and costumes as the English version and was selected for preservation in the National Film Registry in 2015; and Wes Craven’s cult flick *The People Under the Stairs* (1991), cited by Jordan Peele as one of his influences for *Get Out*.

In addition to the film roster, the theater’s storefront will feature a ghoulish photo booth with a grisly set and ghastly props. The Regent Square community and moviegoers of all ages are invited to strike a zombie pose, make a frightening face, or re-enact their favorite, bloodcurdling horror movie scream. And on the evening of October 31, PF/PCA staff will hand out yummy treats to the neighborhood trick-or-treaters.



Regent SCARE! Halloween Roster:

- *Effects* (1980, directed by Dusty Nelson, runtime: 1h 24m)
- *The Silence of the Lambs* (1991, directed by Jonathan Demme, runtime: 2h 18m)
- *The People Under the Stairs* (1991, directed by Wes Craven, runtime: 1 hr 42 min)
- *Vampire in Brooklyn* (1995, directed by Wes Craven, runtime: 1hr 42min)
- *Dracula* (English) (1931, directed by Tod Browning, runtime: 1hr 25 min)
- *Drácula* (Spanish) (1931, directed by George Melford, runtime: 1h 44min)
- *The Ring* (2002, directed by Gore Verbinski, runtime: 1 hr 55 min)
- *Beetlejuice** (1988, directed by Tim Burton, runtime: 1 hr 32 min)
- *ParaNorman** (2012, directed by Chris Butler and Sam Fell, runtime: 1 hr 32 min)
- *Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit** (2005, directed by Steve Box and Nick Park, runtime: 1 hr 25 min)

*appropriate for kids under 18

Regent SCARE! Halloween Schedule:

Friday, October 27: OPENING NIGHT & Hometown Horrors

5:30pm Beetlejuice (rated PG)

7:30pm **Effects (free screening)**

9:30pm The Silence of the Lambs

Saturday, October 28: Scared Pittless! Saturday Marathon

12:00pm Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-rabbit (rated G)
1:45pm ParaNorman (PG)
3:30pm Beetlejuice
5:30pm Effects
7:15pm The Silence of the Lambs
9:45pm The People Under the Stairs
11:45pm The Ring

Sunday, October 29: Bloodsucker Sunday

12:00pm Paranorman
1:45pm Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-rabbit (rated G)
3:30pm Drácula (Spanish)
5:00pm Dracula (English)
7:00pm Drácula (Spanish)
9:00pm Vampire in Brooklyn

Monday, October 30: Morbid Monday

5:30pm Beetlejuice
7:00pm Vampire in Brooklyn
9:00pm The People Under the Stairs

Tuesday, October 31: Trick-or-Treat Tuesday

3:00pm ParaNorman
4:45pm Beetlejuice
6:30pm Effects
8:00pm The People Under the Stairs
9:45pm The Ring

Year-round, movie-lovers can catch unique first-run, independent, classic and art-house films for just \$8 at Filmmakers' three neighborhood theaters: the Harris Theater (downtown), Melwood Screening Room (North Oakland), and Regent Square Theater. "Screenie" memberships, which extend discounts and free popcorn at every screening, are available for purchase at all theaters. Upcoming films and events in collaboration with the Carnegie Library, the Polish Film Festival, and more will be announced at cinema.pfpca.org.

About Pittsburgh Filmmakers/Pittsburgh Center for the Arts

PF/PCA is a community-based institution that offers visual arts courses, access to equipment and studio space, residency and exhibition programs, a robust screening program that includes the annual Three Rivers Film Festival, and sales of work by our artist members in our on-site shop. Annually PF/PCA serves 100,000 individuals of all ages.

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