

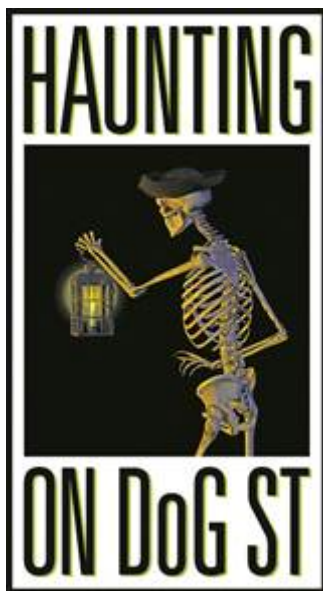


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“Haunting on DoG Street” 2017 to Feature Premiere of New Family Ghost Walk, Programs and Trick-or-Treating

*Two-week festival of frights and fun culminates in trick-or-treating
courtesy of Mars Wrigley Confectionery and the terrifying “Mad Revenge
of King George III”*



WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (Aug. 25, 2017) – The annual Halloween spectacular a “Haunting on DoG Street” returns in October with the premiere of Colonial Williamsburg’s first new ghost tour in nearly a decade –the Official Colonial Williamsburg Ghost Walk Junior– and two other new Colonial Williamsburg programs: “The Trial of a Patriot” and “Monsters, Mayhem and Musick.” The “Haunting on DoG Street” event will culminate in two days of trick-or-treating for guests supported by Mars Wrigley Confectionery and AMERICAN HERITAGE® Chocolate, and the one-night frightfest “The Mad Revenge of King George III.”

“The Official Colonial Williamsburg Ghost Walk Junior,” a light program for families with children inspired by traditional tales premieres Oct. 5 and runs Thursdays-Sundays through Oct. 29 and Oct. 30-31. Two other new programs are: “The Trial of a Patriot,” offered nightly Oct. 15-31, and “Monsters, Mayhem and Musick,” part of the Governor’s Palace Concert Series, which runs twice nightly Oct. 17, 24 and 31.

Throughout October the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg join in the Halloween spirit with a special exhibition of 13 items from the Foundation’s collections that capture 13 fears – including one that even afflicted George Washington himself. Special programs throughout the month include themed tours, storytelling events and musical performances, including the new program “Poison or Porphyria: Was King George III Really Mad?” on Fridays and Saturdays on October and “Nevermore!” a musical program featuring the verse of Edgar Allan Poe on Oct. 31.

For five nights Oct. 27-31, “A Colonial Williamsburg Halloween Harvest: Jack of the Lanterns” sees the Historic Area illuminated by hundreds of jack-o-lanterns, each of which owes its name to Jack of the Lanterns, whose haunted tale has brought a chill to the spines of everyone. Special, Halloween-themed “spooky” carriage and ox-cart rides through the Historic Area are available all five nights.

Historic Area trick-or-treating is presented in partnership with Mars Wrigley Confectionery and AMERICAN HERITAGE® Chocolate from 2-5 p.m. Oct. 28 and 29, marking the first gathering of the Magical American Revolutionary Society. The society’s leader, C. Thaddeus Forrest, awaits guests to help them overcome their fears, defeat the king and earn their sweet prize.

Those brave enough to return Saturday night face the “The Mad Revenge of King George III,” from 7-9 p.m. Oct. 28. In this nightmare fantasy, the American rebellion has failed and a vengeful regent and his supporters rule the colonial capital again for one terrifying evening. It is a world turned upside down, where the British have put down the American rebellion of 1776 and the blood of the traitors is on their hands. Guests can be a part of an immersive experience through the halls and grounds of the Capitol, stepping inside the King’s mind to chase an alternate reality as they face a descent into darkness.

Trick-or-treating registration is limited and requires a \$2 ticket that supports Colonial Williamsburg’s education and preservation initiatives. Through a continued collaboration with the Teal Pumpkin Project, guests with food allergies may claim a special trick-or-treat bag and collect allergen-free treats at designated Historic Area sites. Tickets for the “The Mad Revenge of King George III,” recommended for guests ages 13 and older, and are \$25. Special tickets are required for spooky carriage rides and for Colonial Williamsburg evening programs. Art museums exhibits, programs and tours are included in Colonial Williamsburg and Art Museums admission with the exception of “Nevermore!” which additionally requires a \$5 special ticket.

Programming is subject to change. Tickets, current information and instructions for ticketed guests available by visiting Colonial Williamsburg ticketing locations, online at www.colonialwilliamsburg.com or by calling 855-296-6627 toll-free. Additional information is available by downloading the free Colonial Williamsburg Explorer App via the Apple App Store and Google Play, and by following Colonial Williamsburg on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/colonialwilliamsburg) and [@colonialwmsburg](https://twitter.com/colonialwmsburg) on [Twitter](https://www.instagram.com/colonialwilliamsburg) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/colonialwilliamsburg).

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