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## **Hampton History Museum Hosts Open Auditions For Hampton Horror Tours September 11 & 12**

**Hampton, Virginia-** The Hampton History Museum seeks performers to bring to life stories and figures from the city's dark side for evening walking tours to be offered the week before Halloween. Open auditions are being held at the museum on Tuesday, September 11 and Wednesday, September 12 from 5 to 7 pm. No experience is necessary for these volunteer positions.

Leaving from the museum at 6:30 and 8 pm, Monday, October 22, through Friday, October 26, these 60-minute tours include eerie tales of old Hampton and the Tidewater area. The Hampton Horror Tours will encounter actors portraying the first witch recorded in America, Edgar Allan Poe, ghosts of Civil War soldiers, pirates from Blackbeard's crew, German submariners, a speakeasy proprietor, escaped prisoners,

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Spanish influenza victims, and more characters from the city's tales of mystery and the macabre. Each tour will include the grisly side of Hampton history, surprises and a spooky lantern tour of the St. John's Church graveyard, and other points of fright along Queen Street and around Downtown Hampton.

A brief outline will be provided at the audition that contains biographical information about each character. Actors are encouraged to research their characters to add more to their scene. A variety of speaking and non-speaking parts are available. In addition to the featured roles of historical characters, the museum also seeks groups of pirates, speakeasy patrons, flappers, jail inmates and others to add to the frightful fun.

No preparation is necessary for the auditions. While some costumes are available, actors are welcome to put together a period-appropriate outfit that suits their character with guidance from the museum staff.

People unable to attend either of the auditions, but interested in taking on a role in the tours are asked to call Hampton Horror Tour director Jeff Corriveau at [jeff\\_corriveau@yahoo.com](mailto:jeff_corriveau@yahoo.com).

The Hampton History Museum is located at 120 Old Hampton Lane in Downtown Hampton. There is free parking in the garage across the street. For more information call 757-727-1102 or visit [www.HamptonHistoryMuseum.org](http://www.HamptonHistoryMuseum.org).

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking

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settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.

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