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Are you afraid of the dark?

Venture into Mercer Island's Haunted Forest for *Alone in the Dark* Performing October 22 through November 1, 2009

Youth Theatre Northwest (YTN) celebrates the Halloween season with a unique, outdoor performance of *Alone in the Dark: Mercer Island's Haunted Forest*. In contrast to a traditional haunted house, *Alone in the Dark* is a 45 minute guided performance and tour through the shadowy trails of Mercer Island's Island Crest Park.

Venture into the otherworld where four Lost Souls are trapped in a mystifying and ever-changing forest. Only you can guide them past the phantasms and malevolent temptors that lurk among the trees and bind them to the dark. *But in finding their passageway beyond the night, what will you lose?*

Alone in the Dark is an outdoor, rain or shine event. All guests are encouraged to dress appropriately and wear suitable shoes.

Performance Schedule:

Alone in the Dark performs October 22 through November 1, 2009.

Thursday evening tours are available between 6:00 and 8:00 pm. Friday and Saturday evening tours are available between 6:00 and 10:00 pm. Tours start every fifteen minutes and last approximately 45 minutes. Only 15 audience members are allowed per tour. Evening performances are appropriate for ages 12+ and any children under that age will not be admitted unless accompanied by an adult.

Special daylight performances, appropriate for ages 6+, take place on Sundays between 2:00 and 4:00 pm.

Island Crest Park is located at 5500 Island Crest Way, Mercer Island, WA 98040.

Details: Thursday, October 22nd, 6:00 – 8:00 pm (last tour leaves at 7:15 pm)
Friday, October 23rd, 6:00 – 10:00 pm (last tour leaves at 9:15 pm)
Saturday, October 24th, 6:00 – 10:00 pm (last tour leaves at 9:15 pm)
Sunday, October 25th, 2:00 – 4:00 pm (last tour leaves at 3:15 pm)
Thursday, October 29th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm (last tour leaves at 7:15 pm)
Friday, October 30th, 6:00 – 10:00 pm (last tour leaves at 9:15 pm)
Saturday, October 31st, 6:00 – 10:00 pm (last tour leaves at 9:15 pm)
Sunday, November 1st, 2:00 – 4:00 pm (last tour leaves at 3:15 pm)

Tickets for evening performances of *Alone in the Dark* are \$15. There is a special opening night price of \$5 for Thursday, October 22nd. Teens may receive a special \$2 ticket discount if they bring a can of food or other non-perishable food item to support a local food bank.

Ticket prices for the Sunday, daylight performances are \$15 for adults and \$13 for youth.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.mercerislandshauntedforest.com or at the event. For further information, please email info@mercerislandshauntedforest.com.

Production: 20 performers from Mercer Island, Bellevue, Renton, Issaquah, Newcastle, Sammamish, Kirkland and Seattle.

Direction and Design: *Alone in the Dark* is directed by Gillian Jorgensen, Costume design by Gregory Magyar, Properties and Set design by Rollin Thomas and Lighting Design by Max Reichlin.

Celebrating it's 26th year, Youth Theatre Northwest “nurtures the intellectual, artistic and personal development of children and youth through drama, education, performing opportunities and live theatre experiences.” YTN is both theatre and school, providing a wide range of classes and programs designed to further theatrical learning, initiate creative play and stimulate intrapersonal development for children and young adults age 3-18. At it's 200 seat theatre home on Mercer Island, YTN produces 10 annual plays. Additionally, YTN offers countless classes to Puget Sound students and outreach programs to schools and libraries throughout the region. For more information about Youth Theatre Northwest visit www.youththeatre.org.

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