

5 Hamptons Halloween Things To Do with a Cultural Twist

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Halloween falls on a Saturday bringing with it a whirlwind of Halloween fun with a culture twist. In addition to costume watching by neighborhood trick or treaters or spotting unusual characters in Halloween parades for children, adults can be part of the holiday fun too. Keep reading to discover this weekend's picks for ways to celebrate Halloween. If pumpkins, costumes and mysteries aren't your thing, visit our [Art Event Round Up](#) for the list of art and culture events taking place in The Hamptons, The North Fork and Riverhead.

1. Halloween Costume Ball with Hoodoo Loungers

Ready to celebrate Halloween, grand style? Then find a costume and your dancing shoes and head to Bay Street Theater. The Hoodoo Loungers and special guests will be waiting to add plenty of fun and live music to your night. Just in case you're thinking of skimping on the costume, then don't. There are cash prizes awarded for the best costumes of the night. [Admission](#) is \$25. Bay Street Theater is located at 1 Bay Street, Sag Harbor, NY 11963. www.baystreet.org.



The HooDoo Loungers. Image courtesy of Bay Street Theater.

2. Screening of Rocky Horror Picture Show and Halloween After Party

The cult classic "[Rocky Horror Picture Show](#)" screens at 8 p.m. at the Suffolk Theater. Costumes are encouraged to the screening and Halloween Party with DJ Phil that follows afterwards. Beginning at 10 p.m., a costume contest is part of the fun. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the film contains adult content. Admission is free with a \$20 bar or restaurant minimum per person. The Suffolk Theater is located at 118 East Main Street, Riverhead, NY 11901. www.suffolktheater.com.

3. Edgar Allan Poe Festival

The Second Annual Edgar Allan Poe Festival takes place in spots around Riverhead from Friday, October 30, to Sunday, November 1, 2015. Events include an Edgar Allan Poe Parade with Flash Mob to [Michael Jackson's Thriller](#) on Friday at 7 p.m.; trick or treating along Main Street on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; a re-imaging of the classic Orson Wells 1938 radio broadcast of The War of the Worlds on Sunday at 5 p.m. at the Vail Leavitt Music Hall, a [Halloween Party & Brunch](#) at the Long Island Aquarium and more. Visit the festival's [Facebook page](#) to discover event details as they are posted. Also expected is the staging of a one-act play and a talk on famous forensic cases and book signings by members of the Mystery Writers of America. www.facebook.com/RiverheadPoeFest

4. Literary Costume Party & Ghost Story Reading

Dress up as your favorite author, artist or literary character and head to Canio's on Saturday from 5

to 7 p.m. The celebration marks Canio's 35th Anniversary (and Halloween). Expect refreshments, spirits and ghostly tales. A suggested donation is \$35. Canio's Books is located at 290 Main Street, Sag Harbor, NY 11963. www.caniosbooks.com.

5. Architectural Session: Haunting Houses

AIA Peconic presents a Halloween-themed Architectural Sessions that doesn't actually involve haunted houses. Hosted by architect Maziar Behrooz, a panel of guests will discuss an inspiration or influence that has "haunted" their practice and appears in their designs. Panelists include John Zissovici, Viola Rouhani, AIA, Jee Won Kim, and James Merrell. [Admission](#) \$10 or free for members, children and students. The Parrish Art Museum is located at 279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill, NY 11976. www.parrishart.org.

BONUS

While not specifically geared for Halloween, the following cultural events connect closely to the holiday of frights, jack-o-lanterns and surprises.

"An Inspector Calls" presented by the Hamptons Theatre Company

Mystery abounds in this J.B. Priestley's classic British thriller when a mysterious police inspector appears from the fog and upend a prosperous family implicated in the death of a young woman. Performances of "[An Inspector Calls](#)" takes place Thursdays and Fridays at 7 p.m.; Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. at the Quogue Community Hall. Tickets are \$30 for adults; \$25 for seniors (except Saturdays); and \$10 for students under 21 years old. For tickets, click [here](#) or call 1-866-811-4111. Presented by [The Hamptons Theatre Company](#) at The Quogue Community Hall is located at 125 Jessup Avenue, Quogue, NY 11959. www.hamptontheatre.org.



“An Inspector Calls.” Photo courtesy of Hampton Theatre Company.

Gallagher’s Pumpkin Smash! with Artie Fletcher and Bob Nelson

Pumpkins are perfect for Halloween and comedian Gallagher knows how to smash them. Joined by comedians Artie Fletcher and Bob Nelson, head to the Suffolk Theater with rain coats or plastic in tow to see the “Sledge-O-Matic” in action. Show is for 18 years and older. Bar and restaurant open at 6:30 p.m. at the cabaret-style theater with the show beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$49 or \$55 for the Splatter Zone. The Suffolk Theater is located at 118 East Main Street, Riverhead, NY 11901. www.suffolktheater.com.

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