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**One night only: A Ghastly Ghathering at Center for Puppetry Arts, October 7**

*Atlanta’s Ghastly Dreadfuls are awakening from the afterlife for a haunting Halloween party!*

**ATLANTA (August 31, 2017)** – The **Center for Puppetry Arts**’resident ghouls, the Ghastly Dreadfuls, are throwing **A Ghastly Ghathering** to celebrate the Ghastlies’ annual return from the grave and to kick off the spooky Halloween season! On **October 7**, mortals are invited to mingle with the Ghastlies, dance and celebrate with supernatural musical numbers performed by the Ghastly Dreadfuls throughout the enchanted evening. During this special one-night-only event, guests are invited to dress up in their finest, gothic Halloween attire or create their own original Ghastly character to enter a costume contest. The grand prize winner of the costume contest will make a guest appearance on stage with the Ghastlies during opening night of this year’s production of *The Ghastly Dreadfuls*. In addition to the costume contest, there will be a variety of other activities during the evening, including a specially designed self-guided tour of the *Worlds of Puppetry* Museum featuring some of the most devilishly interesting puppets in the collection. The event will include FREE appetizers as well as and beer and wine for purchase. For fans and ghoulish friends of the Ghastly Dreadfuls, it will be a night to remember – and the ultimate way to usher in another spine-chilling season of *The Ghastly Dreadfuls* at the Center for Puppetry Arts, beginning October 11.

**WHAT: A Ghastly Ghathering**

**WHEN: Saturday, October 7 from 7 – 10 p.m.**

 Ages 18+

**WHERE: Center for Puppetry Arts**

 1404 Spring Street NW

 Atlanta, GA 30309

**HOW:** Tickets are **$25 (Members)** and **$30 (nonmembers) – plus sales tax.** Tickets are available online at [www.puppet.org](http://www.puppet.org) or by calling **404.873.3391**.

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