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Spooky Empire Returns to Haunt Orlando This Halloween!

Orlando, FL — Spooky Empire, one of the nation's largest Horror and Halloween conventions, returns to the Hyatt Regency Orlando Convention Center October 30–November 1 for three days of celebrity appearances, live entertainment, film, tattoos, costumes, and Halloween fun for the whole family!

This year's event features an incredible lineup of celebrity guests, including **Jamie Campbell Bower, Geena Davis, Susan Sarandon, Doug Bradley, Tom Savini, Juliette Lewis, and more!** Fans can meet their favorite stars, attend celebrity Q&As, explore the vendor room, watch independent horror films, and experience everything that makes Spooky Empire a Halloween tradition.

Three Days of Horror, Entertainment, and Halloween Fun

Spooky Empire has something for every horror fan, from lifelong genre enthusiasts to families looking for a unique Halloween experience.

The weekend kicks off Friday afternoon with a **Zombie Walk** starting at The Pub Orlando on International Drive. Special FX makeup artists will be on hand from noon to 3 p.m. to help participants get their zombie looks ready.

Other weekend highlights include:

- **Spooky Empire International Horror Film Festival:** Discover independent horror films from filmmakers around the world.
- **Tattoo Festival:** Choose from over 100 tattoo artists showcasing their work.
- **Vendor Room:** Shop for collectibles, clothing, artwork, and other unique merchandise.
- **Special FX Makeup Demonstrations:** Learn techniques from professional makeup artists and try your hand at creating your own horror-inspired look.
- **Live Music and Performances:** Catch live performances by Aurelio Voltaire and local acts all weekend long.

Goth Parties, Drag Shows, and Cult Horror Classics

The entertainment continues throughout the weekend!

On Friday night, join us for **The Crypt: Goth Dance Party**, featuring special guests Franko Carino, Geoffrey Skull, and VOID407.

Fans can also enjoy the **Scream Queens Drag Show**, bringing a fabulous twist to the Halloween weekend.

And, of course, no Spooky Empire weekend would be complete without a beloved annual tradition: a live shadowcast presentation of **The Rocky Horror Picture Show!**

Meet Horror's Biggest Stars

Spooky Empire brings fans face-to-face with some of the most recognizable names in horror, film, and television. Celebrity photo opportunities, autograph sessions, meet-and-greets, and Q&A panels will take place throughout the weekend.

This year's celebrity lineup includes:

- **Jamie Campbell Bower** — *Stranger Things, Sweeney Todd*
- **Geena Davis** — *Beetlejuice, The Fly, The Borroughs*
- **Susan Sarandon** — *The Rocky Horror Picture Show, The Witches of Eastwick, Thelma & Louise*
- **Doug Bradley** — Best known for his iconic role as Pinhead in the *Hellraiser* franchise
- **The Chiodo Brothers, Grant Cramer, Suzanne Snyder, Mike Martinez, Geno Ponza, and Harrod Blank** — Celebrating the cult classic *Killer Klowns from Outer Space*
- **Tom Savini** — Legendary special effects makeup artist and filmmaker
- **Juliette Lewis** — *Yellowjackets, From Dusk Til Dawn, Christmas Vacation, Natural Born Killers, Cape Fear*
- **Jena Malone** — *The Hunger Games, Sucker Punch, Stepmom, Donnie Darko, Saved!*

Fans can also attend celebrity Q&A panels throughout the weekend, with even more guests and activities to discover.

Horror Writers, Artists, and Costume Contests

Explore the creative side of horror at Spooky Empire's **Literary Tracks**, featuring author signings and panels with horror writers, filmmakers, podcasters, and other genre creators.

Ready to show off your Halloween costume? Adult costume contests take place Sunday afternoon, with more than \$500 in cash and prizes up for grabs!

Halloween Fun for the Whole Family

Spooky Empire welcomes little monsters, too!

Children can enjoy a special Halloween experience featuring:

- **Trick-or-treating:** The first 250 children under 12 will receive a special bag for trick-or-treating throughout the vendor and tattoo rooms on Saturday.
- **Kids' Costume Contest:** A special contest where every participating child wins.
- **Specialty Drinks:** A fun treat for the youngest Halloween fans.
- **Free Admission:** Children ages 10 and under receive free admission with a paid adult.

Bring the entire family and celebrate Halloween the Spooky Empire way!

Tickets and VIP Packages

Make plans now to experience three unforgettable days of horror and Halloween entertainment.

General admission tickets are also available:

- **Friday:** \$40 in advance / \$50 at the door
- **Saturday:** \$50 in advance / \$65 at the door
- **Sunday:** \$40 in advance / \$50 at the door
- **Three-Day Weekend Pass:** \$80 in advance / \$95 at the door

Children ages 10 and under receive free admission with a paid adult.

For tickets, VIP packages, and the latest event announcements, visit SpookyEmpire.com.

Follow Spooky Empire on Facebook and Instagram **@SpookyEmpire** for the latest celebrity announcements, event updates, and Halloween surprises.

Spooky Empire returns October 30–November 1 at the Hyatt Regency Orlando. Three days. One unforgettable Halloween weekend.

For more information and tickets, visit **SpookyEmpire.com**.

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Founded in 2003, Spooky Empire has quickly become one of the most loved Horror and Halloween conventions in the United States, bringing to life two of the most popular horror themed “comic cons” in Orlando, Florida with fans attending from all over the world!