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Salem's Old Town Hall Hosts Fun, Chilling and Entertaining October Happenings

Salem, MA— It's the most wonderful time of the year! The City of Salem welcomes you to an event-filled October at Old Town Hall, 32 Derby Square, Salem, MA 01970. In addition to the City of Salem's indoor mask requirement, each event has their own specific Covid restrictions & requirements in place, please be informed & plan your visit accordingly for the most enjoyable experience possible.

CRY INNOCENT – Presented by History Alive, Inc.

It's 1692. Bridget Bishop is accused of witchcraft, and YOU are the jury. Hear the evidence, cross-examine the witnesses, and determine the outcome. The actors respond as Puritans, revealing much about the Puritan mind. Is Bridget Bishop capable of witchcraft?... You decide! Visit <https://www.historyalivesalem.com/> for more information about the show.

Visit <https://historyalivesalem.simpletix.com> to purchase tickets and see show schedule. Prices range from **FREE-\$25.00**. Meet outside Old Town Hall facing Essex Street to begin your experience.

Covid Protocols: Admission for each show is capped at under 100 people. Seating is 3 feet from the nearest other occupied chair. All actors and staff are fully vaccinated. As per the City of Salem's mask requirement, all performers and audience member must remain masked inside of Old Town Hall.

MISS HAVISHAM'S PARLOUR: An Immersive Environment for Selfies – Presented by Grace & Diggs

Inspired by the abandoned and grotesque *Great Expectations* character Miss Havisham, local artist Linda Mullen, proprietress of Grace & Diggs, has created an immersive Selfie setting that is equally spooky and dreamy. A portion of Old Town Hall is transformed into an old-fashioned and decaying dining room in a wealthy mansion. Here you can interact with hand-crafted headpieces and five decadent vignettes to set a scene and create your own ghostly photo ops. You can even opt to meet infamous Miss Havisham herself! *All props are sanitized after each use.* Visit <http://www.graceanddiggs.com/> to learn more about the artist.

Visit <https://bit.ly/MissHavishamsParlour> for available dates, times, and tickets. Prices range from **\$20-80**. Appointments are 30 minutes in length. Staff is on hand to help if you need.

Covid Protocols: As per City of Salem Mask Requirements, a mask must be worn inside Old Town Hall. However, once you are inside Miss Havisham's Parlour, masks may come down for photos.

HAUNTED SPEAKEASY – Presented by Immersive Retro Parties and Events

Come beyond the veil to reveal a time of Salem's ghostly past, when liquid spirits were drunk in secret and beautiful flappers haunted the halls. That's right: IT'S A HAUNTED SPEAKEASY PARTY in America's most beloved haunted city! Bring a date or bring your friends and experience a 1920's themed haunted party like you've never seen.

Learn to Lindy Hop alongside ghastly specters from prohibition-days-past with a vintage dance lesson. Share a spooky cocktail with the ghosts of Old Town Hall through an interactive experience provided by History Alive. Dance along to music by Niki Luparelli and The Gravediggers and let New England's finest burlesque and drag performers bewitch and enchant you! Don't forget to watch your back for poltergeists during your private tour of Miss Havisham's Parlour. And BEWARE of the rest of the night's surprises- there will be many. **This event is 21+.** Cash bar with ATM on site so you can try our prohibition-era cocktails and spirits. Complementary hor'd'oeuvres and souvenir photo in Havisham's Parlour provided.

Tickets available for October 9th, 16th, 23rd, 29th, 30th, & 31st 7pm-11pm at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/haunted-speakeasy-15686993636>

DRESS CODE: This is an immersive 1920s themed cosplay event. Please dress of the realm; Ghostly Gatsby, 1920s & 1930s, cocktail attire, opulent, retro, horrific- HAVE FUN and DRESS UP!

**** No sneakers, jeans, baseball hats, t-shirts, sweatshirts, or shorts. You will not be admitted. No superhero costumes, or other modern characters that will break the fantasy. **** WHEN IN DOUBT, WEAR DRESSY BLACK! Get inspired at <https://www.thehauntedspeakeasy.com/>

Covid Protocols: This is 21+ VACCINATED ONLY EVENT. You will be required to show your vaccination card (physical card or on your phone) alongside your ID to gain entry to this event. **A Negative Covid test within 72 hours must ALSO be presented** as per City Board of Health for events with over 100 guests. Rapid testing sites will be available FREE in Salem on the days of the events. Your event organizer will provide more details after tickets are purchased. As per the City of Salem's mask requirement, all performers and audience member must remain masked inside of Old Town Hall.

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