

press release

Brace Yourself for Infinite Fear at Universal Studios Singapore's Halloween Horror Nights 8

- Singapore's premier scare event returns with the theme of Infinite Fear
- Expect popular Asian and Western horrors including Netflix's Stranger Things, the legend of the Pontianak and a highly interactive "Killuminati" haunted house
- Back by popular demand, Zombie Laser Tag returns with even more zombies, greater obstacles and a larger arena
- For the first time, fans can immerse in a series of original short horror films leading up to the event



Artist impressions of (left) *Pontianak* haunted house dedicated to the famous ghost in Malay folklore, and (right) *Killuminati* which is designed to be the most interactive haunted house ever created in the history of Universal Studios Singapore's Halloween Horror Nights. PHOTO CREDITS: RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA.

SINGAPORE, 4 July 2018 – From 27 September to 31 October, Singapore's largest and most iconic Halloween event, Universal Studios Singapore's Halloween Horror Nights, returns for the eighth edition bringing Infinite Fear to all. Featuring five terrifying haunted houses, three killer live shows and two scare zones, Halloween Horror Nights 8 at Resorts World Sentosa (RWS) is set to be bigger and scarier than ever.

With the theme of Infinite Fear, fans can expect a never-ending cycle of fear, thrills and countless scares. Experience one of the most horrifying tales in Asian folklore such as the legend of the Pontianak and survive vampire-laden secret rooms in *Killuminati*, the most interactive haunted house ever created in the history of Universal Studios Singapore's Halloween Horror Nights.

Universal Studios Singapore's First-Ever Tie-Up with a TV series: Netflix's Stranger Things

Universal Studios Singapore's Halloween Horror Nights 8 will be remarkably different from previous editions with the first-ever tie-up with a popular TV series. This year, Universal Studios Singapore will collaborate with Netflix to bring to life its critically-acclaimed series, *Stranger Things*.

The highly-anticipated *Stranger Things* haunted house will feature the most number of thematic rooms to date. Fans will be transported into twelve artfully recreated scenes and storylines, from the menacing

Hawkins National Laboratory, to the Byers home adorned with an erratic display of flashing Christmas lights and the eerie Upside Down woods.

Asian horror take centre stage in four haunted houses

This year's edition will showcase Asian horror, which have proven to be a hit amongst local guests, in four haunted houses. Fans can enter the world of *Killuminati* – the Chinese secret society of vampires that has existed for centuries – where mystery, controversy and nightmares await. Watch out for never-before-seen stunts and expect lots of twists in this highly interactive house where even the bravest souls may end up in different secret rooms!

Two haunted houses will unravel the spine-tingling narratives of two different iconic ghosts in Asian folklore: the Japanese ghost story of Yotsuya and the legend of the Pontianak. Step back in time to the chilling Edo-era of Japan in *The Haunting of Oiwa* and come face-to-face with Lady Oiwa who returns from the dead seeking revenge after being poisoned by her unfaithful husband.

Over at the *Pontianak* haunted house, thrill-seekers will need to tread carefully in a Malay village as they survive the various hair-raising scenes and stories of the Pontianak unfolding before their eyes, from how she was created, to the banana trees where she resides, and the laundry area where she sniffs out the next victim. For the first time, the infamous long-haired female vampiric ghost gets her very own haunted house named after her.

Two Western-themed scare zones and three live shows

Get thrown into chaos at *Apocalypse: Earth* as Mother Earth unleashes her most terrifying forces and takes over New York. Guests can also witness the ancient tribe of man-hunters in *Cannibal*, where the bodies of rivals killed in revenge are being devoured.

Fans can take a break from the screams and join the charismatic Gideon Grim, the Motivational Death Coach, as he captivates guests with tips on highly effective scaring in *DEAD Talks! DEAD Talks is* an all-new, witty, seminar-style show with cutting-edge illusions, electrifying dancing and acrobatics at the Pantages Hollywood Theater.

Bigger, Better and Scarier: Zombie Laser Tag Back by Popular Demand

Back by popular demand since its debut last year, *Zombie Laser Tag* returns with an arena double the size. Each team of eight participants will work together for one mission: to fend off and "kill" zombies in infested areas. Participants can expect more zombies, face greater obstacles and rev up for more action, all in the company of a drill sergeant who will lead the way to ensure everyone gets out alive. The *Zombie Laser Tag* experience is available at an additional \$\$38 per participant.

Start Halloween Early: Immerse in a Series of Original Horror Films

For the first time, Universal Studios Singapore will produce a series of short, original horror films leading up to Halloween Horror Nights 8. These dramatic bite-sized films aim to showcase the riveting stories and iconic supernatural characters of this year's haunted houses in unique cinematographic styles. These short films will be released between July to August and are available on Resorts World Sentosa's <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>blog</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>YouTube</u>.

The special nighttime event will run for 18 nights, including an additional night on 27 September to cater to the growing number of horror fans. Early bird ticket sales will run from now until 12 August at S\$55 (non-peak) and S\$65 (peak), while standard event tickets are available at S\$58 (non-peak) and S\$68 (peak) each. Fans can purchase an R.I.P. Tour that includes event admission, a guide who will share insider stories and escort fans to the various experiences, VIP access to haunted houses, private meet-and-greet sessions with creepy characters and more. Guests can also enjoy many of the theme park's exciting rides and attractions.

Additional information on the haunted houses, scare zones and more can be found in **Appendix A** and <u>www.halloweenhorrornights.com.sg</u> Fans are strongly advised to purchase event tickets from <u>RWS</u> <u>website</u> and at Universal Studios Singapore ticket booths.

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ABOUT UNIVERSAL PARKS & RESORTS

Universal Parks & Resorts, a unit of Comcast NBCUniversal, offers guests around the globe today's most relevant and popular entertainment experiences. With three-time Academy Award[®] winner Steven Spielberg as creative consultant, its theme parks are known for immersive experiences that feature some of the world's most thrilling and technologically advanced film- and television-based attractions. Comcast NBCUniversal wholly owns Universal Studios Hollywood, which includes Universal CityWalk Hollywood. It also owns Universal Orlando Resort, a destination resort with three theme parks (Universal Studios Florida, Universal's Islands of Adventure and the new water theme park, Universal's Volcano Bay), five resort hotels, and Universal CityWalk Orlando. In addition, Comcast NBCUniversal owns Universal Studios Japan, in Osaka and has a license agreement with Universal Studios Singapore at Resorts World Sentosa, Singapore. The company is also developing a theme park destination in Beijing called Universal Beijing Resort.

ABOUT RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA

Resorts World Sentosa (RWS), Asia's premium lifestyle destination resort, is located on Singapore's resort island of Sentosa. Spanning 49 hectares, RWS is home to world-class attractions including Universal Studios Singapore, S.E.A. Aquarium, the Maritime Experiential Museum, Dolphin Island and Adventure Cove Waterpark. Complementing the adventure and adrenaline of its theme parks and attractions are six unique luxury hotels, the world-class Resorts World Convention Centre, a casino and the Asian flagship of a world-renowned destination spa. RWS offers award-winning dining experiences and exciting cuisine from around the world across its many renowned celebrity chef restaurants, establishing itself as a key player in Singapore's vibrant and diverse dining scene and a leading gourmet destination in Asia for epicureans. The integrated resort also offers world-class entertainment, from original resident productions to concerts and public shows such as Crane Dance and Lake of Dreams. RWS has been named "Best Integrated Resort" since 2011 for seven consecutive years at the TTG Travel Awards which recognises the best of Asia-Pacific's travel industry.

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APPENDIX A: ARTIST IMPRESSIONS & DETAILS

Note to Editors

- 1. Photos can be downloaded from https://app.box.com/v/USSHHN8
- 2. Renderings, photographs and illustrations are artist impressions only and subject to change
- 3. All photos are to be attributed to Resorts World Sentosa



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Haunted House: Pagoda of Peril

Fans can make their way through the Chinese-themed *Pagoda of Peril*, trapped with malevolent demons and terrifying spirits roaming viciously around the prison. These demonic creatures will fight in fury as they seek to find freedom. Come face to face with the vicious Yin demon, as he yearns for eternal life and power.

Haunted House: The Haunting of Oiwa

Step back in time to the chilling Edo-era of Japan in *The Haunting* of Oiwa and come face-to-face with Lady Oiwa who returns from the dead seeking revenge after being poisoned by her unfaithful husband.

Scare Zone: Apocalypse: Earth

Get thrown into chaos in *Apocalypse: Earth* as Mother Earth unleashes her most terrifying forces and takes over New York.

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This scare zone features a street show – see details under "Shows".

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Show: Scaremony

When darkness falls at Eight Lake Psychiatric Hospital, fear rises. In this show held at the Hollywood Lagoon Stage, fans will make way through the unsettling, creepy halls of the hospital filled with screaming apparitions of unwilling patients.

Show: DEAD Talk

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Show: Blood & Bones

Each month, at half moon, the Chief of the tribe sacrifices their capture at the ancestral altar. The human sacrifice is possessed by the spirit of the ancestors, which gives the tribesmen extra strength when they devour him. Fans will have to brace themselves for this gruesome ritual of *Blood & Bones* that will turn their stomachs at the *Cannibal* zone.





