

## press release

### Universal Studios Singapore's Halloween Horror Nights Returns with First-Ever Haunted House by Renowned Thai Filmmakers, Southeast Asia's Most Terrifying Ghosts and More!

- The region's most iconic scare event returns with five haunted houses, two scare zones and two killer shows
- For the first time ever, immerse in an original haunted house from the directors of blockbuster Thai horror films *Shutter* and *4bia*
- Expect hair-raising encounters with Southeast Asia's iconic ghosts in *The Chalet Hauntings*



Universal Studios Singapore's Halloween Horror Nights returns for the ninth edition and horror fans can experience five haunted houses, two scare zones and two killer shows, and try to survive the Undertaker (pictured in the centre) as he roams around, searching for the next unsuspecting victim. PHOTO CREDITS: RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA.

**SINGAPORE, 1 August 2019** – From 27 September till 31 October 2019, Singapore's largest and award winning scare event – Universal Studios Singapore's Halloween Horror Nights – will return for its ninth edition. Featuring all-new frights across 16 event nights, fans can experience five haunted houses, two scare zones and two killer shows.

Taking centre stage this year is *Curse of the Naga*, an original haunted house from the directors of blockbuster Thai horror films *Shutter* and *4bia*. Fans of Asian horror can investigate the mysterious disappearances of teenagers and expect spine-chilling encounters with their darkest fears – from the Langsuir to the Toyol – in *The Chalet Hauntings* which will feature the most extensive collection of Southeast Asian ghosts in a single house. Along with haunted houses themed after twisted clowns and creepy dolls, as well as a never-before-seen morbid death metal procession, Halloween Horror Nights 9 promises an even more immersive scare experience like no other.

### **Inaugural Collaboration with Regional Masters of Horrors behind *Shutter* and *4bia***

For the first time ever, Universal Studios Singapore embarks on a regional collaboration with two horror film directors in the creation of an original haunted house. Parkpoom Wongpoom and Gunn Purijitpanya, the brains behind blockbuster Thai horror films *Shutter* and *4bia*, along with Universal Studios Singapore's creative teams, will bring to life *Curse of the Naga*. Conceptualised since December last year, the haunted house will transport guests from the colourful streets of Bangkok to a lost village that is under the spell of the Naga, a snake spirit. Featuring elaborate landscape design, stunning special effects and original characters, this haunted house will raise the bar for fans of Asian horror.

Film director Parkpoom Wongpoom said: "It is a great honour to work with Universal Studios Singapore at Resorts World Sentosa for its iconic Halloween Horror Nights event. I'm huge fan myself having attended previous editions and have always been impressed by the amazing production value, quality of content and the eerily surreal and elaborately themed haunted houses, especially in *Adrift* (2003) and *Pontianak* (2018). We have created many horror art forms, but this is a first for us in developing a new, original and terrifying haunted house for the region's largest Halloween event. Fans can expect to have their nerves tested in *Curse of the Naga*."

Film director Gunn Purijitpanya said: "We thought long and hard about how we can portray Thailand's culture and horror narratives to Southeast Asia and the world, and eventually drew inspiration from the Naga, a mythological serpentine spirit known not only in Thailand but in other parts of Asia. Fans will put themselves in the shoes of tourists and encounter bone-chilling situations after drinking snake blood and suffer the wrath of the vengeful Naga. Together with the creative teams from Universal Studios Singapore, we have pushed the creative boundaries to conjure the most horrifying scare experience with a unique storyline, dramatic scenes and original characters. *Curse of the Naga* will be a hit not only amongst fans of Asian horror, but anyone who wishes to have a frightfully fun time in the theme park."

Fans who would like to unmask the horror and secrets behind *Curse of the Naga* can go for a daytime, behind-the-scenes guided tour, available at a top-up fee in addition to daytime admission ticket.

### **The Chalet Hauntings Set to Resonate with Local Horror Fans**

Adding on to the list of ever-popular Asian-inspired horrors is *The Chalet Hauntings*, brought to you by Official Partner [Traveloka](#). Here, Singaporeans can relive one of the most commonly shared experiences of paranormal sightings in their teenage years. This house will feature the event's most extensive collection of Southeast Asian ghosts – from the mischievous Toyol to the bloodthirsty Langsuir – in a single house. Not for the faint-hearted, *The Chalet Hauntings* plays off one's darkest fears with illusions that will trick the eyes and minds, raising fears and anxieties as guests unravel the mystery behind the disappearance of five teenagers.

**Face Your Fears: Sinister Clowns, Eerie Dolls, and Confined Spaces**

This year's event will bring to life three of the most common phobias of all time: clowns, dolls, and confined spaces. Join the circus of clowns as they wreak havoc and train the next generation of red-nosed killers at *Twisted Clown University* or step into *Spirit Dolls*, an abandoned village where the only inhabitants are silent dolls watching everyone's movement. Those who dare can also manouvere through a dark, cramped and grimy prison in *Hell Block 9*, in the company of prisoners screaming in agony and fear as merciless wardens torture them and leave them for dead, guilty or otherwise.

**Enjoy Two New Shows including a Never-Before-Seen Morbid Death Metal Procession**

Those looking for a respite from the scares can head to Pantages Hollywood Theater where hosts *Skin & Bones* will present a repertoire of offbeat entertainment, quirky cast, along with terrifyingly funny acts in their live show. For a head-banging frenzy, join the mass of metal heads in *Death Fest* and rock out to the savage sounds of the Death Trap band. On peak nights, Death Trap will lead a morbid metal procession around the park with specially designed floats, electrifying acts, and culminating in a hardcore music festival bursting with some of the most visually stunning pyrotechnics.

**Beat the Queues and Purchase Original Tickets Online**

Fans can purchase Universal Studios Singapore's Halloween Horror Nights 9 tickets online at [www.halloweenhorrornights.com.sg](http://www.halloweenhorrornights.com.sg). Guests can choose from 16 event nights (10 peak nights + 6 non-peak nights). Early bird ticket sales will run from now till 1 September at S\$65 (peak nights) and S\$55 (non-peak nights). Regular tickets are available at S\$70 for peak nights and S\$60 for non-peak nights. Guests can also enjoy many of the theme park's exciting rides and attractions during event nights.

Mastercard and Thai Airways will be rolling out an exclusive promotion for fans who have their eyes set on attending the region's premier Halloween event. Purchase any Halloween Horror Nights 9 early bird ticket with Mastercard to stand a chance to win a Thai Airways Economy Class Return Air Ticket to Bangkok.

Additional information on the haunted houses and scare zones and more can be found in **Appendix A**.

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## 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 eight 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 Editor

1. Photos can be downloaded from <https://app.box.com/s/li0fl8z5bij19jpi4l6zkn4a0wnaxoog>
2. Renderings, photographs and illustrations are artist impressions only and subject to change
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### Five Haunted Houses



#### Curse of the Naga

One moment you're a tourist on the colourful streets of Bangkok. The next, you're being lured into the jungles of Thailand and find yourself stumbling into a lost village that is under the spell of the Naga, a snake spirit. Beware the charms of the Serpentine Spirit or you may just be led astray and forced to bear the Curse of the Naga.

Come explore this original haunted house from the directors of blockbuster Thai horror films, Shutter and 4bia. This marks the first time Universal Studios Singapore has collaborated with these regional masters of horror to deliver a truly terrifying Asian horror experience.

Parkpoom Wongpoom (left) and Gunn Purijitpanya (right), the brains behind blockbuster Thai horror films Shutter and 4bia, along with Universal Studios Singapore's creative teams, will bring to life Curse of the Naga.







### Twisted Clown University

Step into this abandoned carnival ground and receive a welcome to the Twisted Clown University. Here, remorseless clowns train the next generation of red nosed killers to wreak havoc on an already coulrophobic world. From being forced into death-defying acts to a lesson on manipulating bodies through puppetry, your laughs will quickly dissolve into screams of terror.



### The Chalet Hauntings

Frightful rumours of a Langsuir sighting. Hushed whispers of a Hantu Raya. Layers of police tape with no explanation. Whatever happened to the five teenagers who mysteriously disappeared from their chalet? It's time to return to where it all started, and uncover the dark secrets and vengeful ghosts that continue to haunt these cursed grounds.

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### Hell Block 9

Dark, dirty and damp. This prison doesn't rehabilitate, it ravages. Every night, prisoners in Hell Block 9 scream in agony and fear as merciless wardens torture them and leave them for dead, guilty or otherwise. Ravaged by death, disease and devastation, this is the very image of hell on Earth. Can you survive long enough to finish your sentence?



### Spirit Dolls

Legend has it that one night, an entire village was slaughtered by an evil doll that housed a vengeful spirit, only to have their spirits trapped in the life-sized, hand-stitched dolls left behind in the village. Now a macabre tourist attraction, pick up your courage and head into the abandoned village to see the Spirit Dolls for yourself. But why are their eyes following you around? A word of advice: don't look away.

## Two Scare Zones



### Dead End

Enter Dead End, the realm of the Undertaker and alternate dimension that lies between the land of the living and the domain of the dead. Watch as mourners practice macabre and bizarre funeral rites.



### Death Fest

Wander the fray of insane fans as they scream along to their favourite band at Death Fest, the most hardcore music festival of 2019! Stay alert and keep your wits about you while navigating the mosh pits to escape this army of devoted metalheads and savages.

## Two Killer Shows including a Never-Before-Seen Morbid Death Metal Procession

### Skin & Bones

The number one comedy show in the Underworld is filming live. Be a part of the studio audience and watch as hosts Skin & Bones bring their offbeat entertainment to the stage, along with some very special guests. It's going to be hell-arious!

### Death Fest Procession\* and Show

Put the 'death' back in death metal as you mosh with frightful freaks and frenzied fanatics at Death Fest.

\*On peak nights, Death Trap band will lead a morbid metal procession around the park with specially designed floats, electrifying acts, and culminating in a hardcore music festival bursting with some of the most visually stunning pyrotechnics.

## Halloween Carnival at Hollywood Lagoon

Watch as this ordinary fun fair by day transforms into the Halloween Carnival come nightfall. Play macabre games\* to win prizes but beware - creepy clowns are lurking just behind the stalls.

\*Additional charges apply