

Media Release
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Pacific Opera presents: *Ghosts of the Royal*

Victoria, BC – To help celebrate the spooky season and get audiences ready for the chilling, psychological thriller, *The Turn of the Screw*, Pacific Opera is presenting, ***Ghosts of the Royal***. The free one-night-only event, taking place at the Royal Theatre on October 21, explores the history of theatre ghosts, inviting the audience to learn a little bit about some of the local ghosts that might haunt the Royal Theatre and the McPherson Playhouse.

This community event blends storytelling, theatre history, and a touch of the supernatural, hosted by Pacific Opera’s Artistic Director Brenna Corner, and featuring Head Stage Carpenter Tom Heemskerk, who will share his first (or second) hand – ghostly stories, and John Adams, Victoria’s pre-eminent, history enthusiast from Discover the Past’s Ghostly Walks as storytellers, they will reveal insights into the history of both theatres, backstage folklore, and personal (or friend-of-a-friend) encounters.

Ghost stories from both theatres abound, the *Gentleman with the Top Hat* is known to make his presence known at the Royal Theatre, and the *Grey Lady* has been spotted at the McPherson Playhouse for the past 75 years. The evening will offer the opportunity to hear these stories and more haunting tales.

***Ghosts of the Royal* Event Details**

Date: Tuesday, October 21

Location: Royal Theatre

Lobby Doors Open: 6:30 pm

Theatre Doors Open: 7:00 pm

Ghosts of the Royal Talk: 7:30pm –8:30 pm

Admission: Free to the public, reservations are recommended and can be made at: xxxxxx

For more information about *The Turn of the Screw*, opening at the Royal Theatre on October 22, and running through October 28, visit [The Turn of the Screw](#) .

For more information about Pacific Opera and the 2025/26 season, including tickets, visit:

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