

AWE'S annual guide to holiday haunts  
taking place over the next four Halloweeks

# SCARE PACKAGE

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There are scores of ways to have a scary good time this month. Too many to keep track of, really. • So, consider this Halloween event roundup AWE's holiday gift, a scare package if you will, to you. • Note: The following list is, in large part, not presented in chronological order. Nor is it meant to be comprehensive. Know of an event we missed? Send all the details to AWE@siadvance.com and we'll do our best to get it in before the witching hours are up.

#### AUTUMN ARRIVES:

Check out AWE's Fall Picks roundups throughout this issue for lots of family-friendly spots to pick seasonal pumpkins & apples in the tri-state region.

## LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS



Venus Flytraps are for the weak, OK?

Last night, Wagner College Theater Department launched its 45th season with this affectionate musical spoof of 1950's sci-fi movies centering on skid row floral assistant Seymour (senior John Alati), an overnight sensation after he discovers an exotic plant with a thirst for fresh blood.

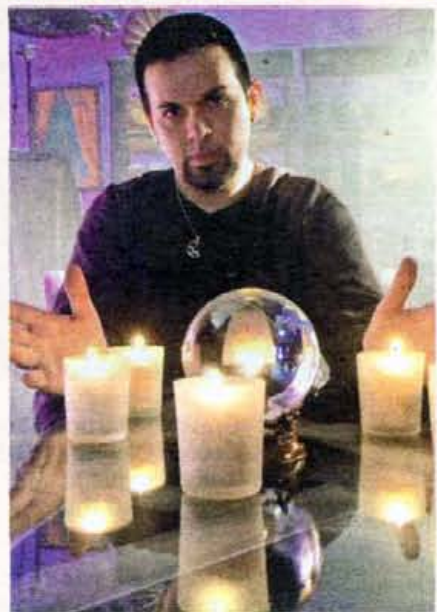
Soon, "Audrey II" — named after the battered blonde bombshell (Lauren Wagner)

Seymour has a crush on — grows into an ill-tempered, foul-mouthed, R&B-belting carnivore (singer Mark Fabian/puppeteer Brian Falduto) who offers him fame and fortune in exchange for feeding its growing cravings, finally revealing itself to be an alien creature poised for global domination.

"I saw Little Shop of Horrors three times at the Orpheum Theatre once it opened," says Tony-nominated Michele Pawk, Wagner professor and director of the production. "I was mesmerized by how seemingly simple the storytelling, acting and puppetry seemed to be, when I knew how complex and intricate the process must have been. It's so much fun to revisit this gem of a musical with the Wagner College Theatre cast."

The show continues Oct. 3-4, 9-11, 8 p.m.; Oct. 5 and 12, 2 and 8 p.m.; Oct. 13, 2 p.m.; in the Main Hall Theater at 1 Campus Road, Grymes Hill. For tickets, contact the box office (718-390-3259) or [boxoffice@wagner.edu](mailto:boxoffice@wagner.edu).

## STATEN ISLAND WITCHES' BALL



The Practical Magick (aka "The Witch Shoppe of Staten Island") second-annual costume party casts its spell Oct. 26 at 8 p.m. in Café Del Mondo, 2530 Victory Blvd. in Willowbrook.

"Halloween (also known as Samhain) is the Witches' New Year — a night for people to dress up as something which they would like to draw into their lives in the upcoming year," says store owner Mark Eadicicco, owner of P.M. and a self-professed witch. "For example, if you wanted to feel more desirable or to bring beauty into

your life, you can dress up as a butterfly. If you are looking for more financial success, you can dress up as a business man or pin money to your clothes. There are no limitations to the costume concepts — we just ask that guests refrain from any scary costumes and do not have their face covered."

Tickets — which include four-course dinner buffet, DJ, dancing, costume contest and a Magick Projection Ritual at the end of the evening — are 60 bucks and available exclusively at Practical Magick, 1457 Castleton Ave. in Port Richmond.

For more information, call 347-242-6947, email [mark@practicalmagickshoppe.net](mailto:mark@practicalmagickshoppe.net) or check out [StatenIslandWitchesBall.com](http://StatenIslandWitchesBall.com). Note: Guests do not have to be a practicing Witch to attend. A portion of the proceeds and a 50/50 raffle will be donated to The American Cancer Society.