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Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory Goes Batty with Home Run Halloween

Museum plans ghoulish grand slam weekend; Festivities begin Wednesday

Louisville, Ky. – *October 12th, 2016* - For Halloween, [Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory](#) is getting wicked. Wicked fun, that is. From October 19 – 23, Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory will celebrate its first ever *Home Run Halloween*. A hauntingly good time that includes Creepy Cocktails, two nights of Double Creature Features and a Family Fun Fest, plus The World's Largest Vampire Stake and free admission to the spectacular *Ripley's Believe It or Not!® Oddball™* exhibition.

Wednesday, October 19th

World's Largest Vampire Stake Unveiled

Vampires beware. They don't make your kind of bats at Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory. But they do have a big surprise for any bloodsuckers who swoop by.

On Wednesday, October 19, at 10 a.m., Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory will unveil The **World's Largest Vampire Stake**. The stake is a towering eight-feet, eight-inches long. It was hand-hewn in the bat factory owned by Hillerich & Bradsby Co.

A chainsaw, an electric hand planer and a blow torch were used to craft the stake from a 12-inch diameter ash log that was selected and shipped in from H&B's forest in Northwest Pennsylvania.

"The same properties that make our ash trees great for baseball bats also make them the perfect choice for vampire stakes. Because of its grain structure, ash wood is flexible and less likely to break, just what you need when a baseball or a vampire is coming your way," deadpanned Anne Jewell, VP and Executive Director of Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory. "We just hope we never have to use it," she added, "There will be a lot at stake if we do."

The giant stake continues the theme of big things at LSMF, already the home of The Big Bat (the largest in the world at 120 feet tall) and a giant ball and glove sculpture carved from limestone. The World's Largest Vampire Stake will be on display and available for photo ops with museum guests through the end of October.

Thursday, October 20th

Creepy Cocktails & Freaky Fire-Eaters

The spooktacular weekend kicks off with Creepy Cocktails featuring Evan Williams, Peerless Distilling, and Old 502 Winery. From 5:30-7:30pm guests can sample drinks for free, and purchase signature cocktails while enjoying a spine-tingling performance from the Blue Moon Circus Freaks. The first 50 guests receive a **free mini-bat drink muddler**.

Actor's Theatre will be on site stirring up do-it-yourself drinkable stage blood to wash down some yummy bugs, but don't worry, The World's Largest Vampire Stake will be onsite to ward off any unwanted guests. **Free admission to the Ripley's exhibit** is included, which features a bona fide **vampire killing kit**.

Friday October 21st & Saturday October 22nd

Double Creature Features & Bewitching Brewskies

The fun continues Friday and Saturday with **free** Double Creature Feature films from horror and sci-fi legends Tod Browning and Ed Wood each night in the LSMF Theater.

Tod Browning was the nephew of baseball superstar Pete Browning, for whom the first Louisville Slugger bat was made. And Ed Wood's name was all the wood bat factory needed to include him in the movie line-up. The frightful flicks are ***Bride of the Monster*** followed by ***Freaks*** on Friday. *On Saturday, there will be a screening of **Plan 9 from Outer Space** and **Dracula**, starring Bela Lugosi.*

The free films begin each night at 6:00 pm, and the first 50 guests receive a **free mini-bat drink muddler**. Moviegoers can also explore the **Ripley's exhibit for no charge** including the authentic **vampire killing kit**, pose with **The World's Largest Vampire Stake**, and purchase bewitching brews from **Goodwood Brewing**.

Sunday October, 23rd

Family Fun Fest & Factory Trick-or-Treats

The museum rounds third and heads for home on Sunday with Home Run Halloween Family Fun Fest. **Children in costume get free admission**, and they can trick-or-treat on the factory tour and other museum hot spots. Plus, prizes for bug eaters and N64 Mario Kart tournaments.

Little goblins will be amazed by **The World's Largest Vampire Stake**. The weekend caps off with a with a family fun **sing-a-long of Tim Burton's *The Nightmare Before Christmas*** at 3pm in the LSMF theatre.

For a complete schedule of haunting Home Run Halloween events, please visit www.sluggermuseum.com.

About Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory:

Experience history-in-the-making as you stroll through the factory where world-famous Louisville Slugger bats are created. Award-winning factory tour, newly renovated galleries with interactive exhibits, historic memorabilia, and more. Create a Louisville Slugger bat with your very own name on it, just like the pros. Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory, 800 West Main Street, is open Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sundays 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., with extended summer hours. Admission is \$14 for adults, \$13 for seniors (60+), \$8 children (6-12), and free for children 5 and under. For more information, including holiday hours and extended summer hours, visit sluggermuseum.com or call 502-588-7228.

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