



FRIGHT NIGHTS RETURNS TO THORPE PARK RESORT

Selected dates: Friday 10 October - Sunday 2 November 2014

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- NEW for 2014 movie studio horror maze - Studio 13
- UK's premiere award-winning Halloween event celebrates 13 'Gorious' years
 - US horror author, Michael Grant, to curate 13 NEW scare characters
 - Experience World-Class roller coaster thrills in the dark
 - Go to THORPEPARK.com for 'early bird' discounts

FRIGHT NIGHTS returns to stake its bloodied claim as the nation's premier Halloween event and reveals brand new horror maze experience **Studio 13** as part of the spine-chilling line up to celebrate 13 terrifying years of everyone's worst nightmares.

An original concept – Studio 13 dares guests to audition for this blood-soaked blockbuster of a maze as they step behind-the-scenes for a tour of the UK's most evil film studio. As the lights flicker, the film crew directs the action but true horror lurks behind the movie making and guests quickly discover there is no happy ever after. Studio 13 promises a completely immersive and fast-paced experience – dreamt up by a deranged Director and acted out against a menacing backdrop of bloodied make up booths, deserted motel-themed sets, hanging body bags and crazed flesh-eating murderers on the hunt for fresh kill and hoarding limbs for their prized trophy cabinet. Expect a script with a truly deadly ending.

Also NEW for 2014 – American thrill author Michael Grant has been recruited to curate a new on-park scare experience. Live horror action will unfold between the scare mazes and thrilling rides as 13 new and hellish scare actor characters - created by the award-winning Grant - are on a grisly quest to surprise and terrify guests when they least expect it.

In gruesome collaboration with global horror producer, Lionsgate UK, FRIGHT NIGHTS also brings award winning scare actor-led horror attractions based on cult classic **The Blair Witch Project**; the dark **My Bloody Valentine 3D**, the twisted **The Cabin in the Woods** and the menacing **SAW**, already the inspiration for the world's most terrifying rollercoaster at the Park.

PLUS face thrilling rides in the dark including THE SWARM, the UK's first winged rollercoaster, Stealth, one of Europe's fastest and tallest rollercoasters, Colossus, a ten loop rollercoaster and Nemesis Inferno, a feet-free, legs-dangling coaster experience, as well as SAW – The Ride, all in the dead of night and all included in the Park entry price.

For further information contact the THORPE PARK Resort Press Office on +44 (0)1932 577130 or press.office@thorpe-park.co.uk

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- Fright Nights Dates: 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24 October – 2 November
- Park opening times: 10am – 10pm, Fright Nights attractions open at 3pm
- Prices: Adult ticket priced from £25.99 for early bird bookings – subject to availability
- Overnight Experience packages start from £125.00 per person based on four sharing and includes two day Park tickets, complimentary parking and hot buffet breakfast – PLUS priority ride access for the first hour of park opening
- For more information and to book visit THORPEPARK.com - Pre-book strongly advised
- Nearest station: Staines (30mins from Waterloo)
- THORPE PARK, Staines Road, Chertsey, Surrey, KT16 8PN
- **NB: THORPE PARK Fright Nights may be too intense for young children and is not recommended for anyone under the age of 13. Experiences are subject to availability**

ABOUT FRIGHT NIGHTS

Guests can experience THORPE PARK Resort's famous horror attractions into the night and ride five world-class roller coasters (THE SWARM, Stealth, SAW – The Ride, Nemesis Inferno, Colossus). Or trick or treat yourself to a VIP package including back-stage horror passes and the scarily-popular Face it Alone experience, returning for its second year at Fright Nights.

FULL FRIGHT NIGHTS SCARE LINE UP

Studio 13 – The Maze - NEW

Want to be a movie star? Then dare to audition for this blood-soaked blockbuster and step behind-the-scenes for a tour of the UK's most evil film studios. After 13 years making horrifying productions, the deranged Director has opened up his brand new studio to horror fans for one night only. As the lights flicker, the film crew are on hand to direct the action through a maze of

bloodied make up booths, deserted motel themed sets and hanging body bags but true horror lurks behind the movie making and it's not long before visitors realize there is no happy ever after. Expect a script with a truly deadly ending.

The Extra Cut – NEW

Don't expect to get much sleep on the new FRIGHT NIGHTS Overnight Experience. Celebrate the first anniversary of THORPE PARK Studios with an exclusive invite-only theatre party plus backstage studios tours set against the shadowy backdrop of a deserted theme park. Hang out after hours with the Director and his army of beloved yet slightly crazed fans and discover the secrets of his movie-making success but don't expect the script to go to plan and prepare to encounter some terrifying scenes.

The Overnight Experience takes place from 11pm – 2am and will run on the following selected dates 17, 18, 24, 25, 27, 29, 31 October and 1 November 2014. Pre-booking is essential as spaces are strictly limited. Prices, based on 4 people sharing, cost from £125.00 each including overnight stay, two day Park tickets, breakfast, complimentary parking plus exclusive First to Ride time.

On sale now, for more information go to: www.thorpebreaks.co.uk

Roaming Scare Characters – scripted by US Horror Author Michael Gates - NEW

Celebrating 13 years as the UK's premier Halloween event, THORPE PARK Resort has recruited the creative genius of author Michael Grant to curate a unique on-park scare experience featuring a cast of 13 roaming horror characters – lead by the deranged Director - intent on terrifying visitors when they least expect it.

Face It Alone Experience

Crank up the fear factor and dare yourself to brave the UK's most terrifying horror mazes alone. As the Park closes, the truly brave are invited to enjoy an exclusive blood-tinged champagne reception before returning to their maze of choice to face extreme live action scares where no one can hear you scream!

£15 per person per maze experience includes glass of champagne – limited places available

Cabin in the Woods: The Maze

Winner Best Halloween Scare Attraction SCARS 2014

Experience a frightening live recreation of this ground-breaking satirical horror film. Visitors will tour the seemingly innocent rustic cabin, within which lies a secret facility that unleashes nightmarishly hideous 'beings'. A fully immersive, brilliantly themed maze where visitors can influence the outcome and come face to face with the nightmare and devastation that is, *The Cabin In The Woods*.

My Bloody Valentine: The Maze

Relive one of the most terrifying films of all time. Ten years after a tragic mining accident in the town of Harmony, Harry Warden awoke from his coma on Valentine's Day and brutally murdered 22 people with his pickaxe before being killed. Years on, there's a killer on the loose – has Harry returned? Visitors will find themselves in the horrific hospital ward before having to negotiate their way through the tunnels of an abandoned mine, neglected shacks and a pitch black forest.

The Blair Witch Project: Scare Zone

A previously unused, dark wooded area of THORPE PARK, has now been renamed as 'Burkittsville Village' and is the setting for the recreation of this cult black and white movie. This outdoor scare attraction leaves it all to the imagination using the natural surrounds and woodland setting with a new ambient soundtrack to create the ultimate scare walkthrough experience.

SAW Alive: The Maze

Guess who's coming to play? From the twisted minds that created the world's most terrifying rollercoaster SAW - The Ride, comes the world's most extreme live action maze – now with even more evil for 2014! Visitors will come face to face with the sadistic Billy puppet and face his nightmarish games...winding their way through this brilliantly themed multi-roomed maze.

About THORPE PARK Resort

With over 30 thrilling rides, attractions and live events to enjoy, THORPE PARK Resort is the 'must do' destination for thrill and chill seeking families and friends – located just 10 miles from Greater London. NEW for 2014, fans can experience ANGRY BIRDS Land and 4D Experience before settling down for a night in the Resort's uniquely themed accommodation, THORPE SHARK Hotel, situated in the heart of the action. Brave iconic rides such as the UK's first winged rollercoaster THE SWARM, SAW – The Ride, the world's first horror movie themed rollercoaster, STEALTH, one of Europe's fastest and tallest roller coasters and COLOSSUS, the world's first ten inversion rollercoaster, as well as attractions such as RUSH, the world's largest Speed Swing. Younger theme park fans can grab their adrenaline apprenticeship as they ride on junior coasters X and The Flying Fish, before enjoying rides like the gravity defying ZODIAC and magic carpet ride QUANTUM. There are also FIVE water rides to excite the whole family, including the ultimate super-soaker TIDAL WAVE, STORM SURGE and LOGGER'S LEAP.

About Michael Grant

MICHAEL GRANT has many talents, but two surpass all others; his ability to make kids laugh and the ability to make them so terrified they feel like their teeth will fall out. They're at polar ends of the spectrum, sure, but that's what makes Michael Grant so brilliant. He'll make you giggle until you snort milk out of your nose, but in an instant he'll also make you quiver with such intense fear that even the milk is afraid to come out.

His latest book, Messenger of Fear, explores the idea that you'll be made to pay for every bad thing you've ever done. If you aren't punished at the time, then the Messenger will find you. And when he does, you'll be forced to play the most terrifying game you could imagine. Win, and you can return to normal life. Lose? Well, losing doesn't even bear thinking about.

Michael lives with his wife and fellow author, K.A. Applegate, in San Francisco, USA. Having written over 150 books as a sole author and in partnership with his wife, Grant's Messenger of Fear follows the Gone and BZRK book series, which helped propel him into his position as one of the finest YA authors of his generation.

About Lionsgate UK

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MAN”, starring Colin Firth and Nicole Kidman, ‘OUT OF THE FURNACE’ starring Christian Bale, Zoe Saldana and Woody Harrelson and the BAFTA and ACADEMY AWARD nominated ‘THE INVISIBLE WOMAN’ starring Ralph Fiennes and Felicity Jones. In 2013 the company’s diverse slate included the second instalment of the blockbuster franchise “THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE” starring Jennifer Lawrence, Liam Hemsworth and Josh Hutcherson as well as Ariel Vromen’s ‘THE ICEMAN’, Nicholas Winding Refn’s ‘ONLY GOD FORGIVES’ and Jon S. Baird’s “FILTH” starring BIFA award winning James McAvoy. Upcoming 2014 releases include “LOVE, ROSIE”, “WHAT WE DID ON OUR HOLIDAY” and the third instalment of The Hunger Games franchise “MOCKINGJAY pt1”.

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