

DRACULA'S FIRE GARDEN...

Step into Stoker's imagination at Dublin Castle, where blazing bushes, fiendish flowers and a gruesome gathering of ghouls come together to form Dracula's fire garden. Enter freely and of your own will... and watch out for the nightwalkers. From 6.30pm; bramstokerfestival.com; free.

BACK TO THE FUTURE...

Three of Ireland's most talented young voices are finishing what Stoker started, reading specially-commissioned at the suitably spooky Smock Alley Theatre. Join Elizabeth Reapy, Stephen James Smith and Kerrie O'Brien and their haunting arrangements. 2pm, smockalley.com; Free.

SPINE CHILLING SIGHTS & SOUNDS...

You never know who - or what - you might bump into as you spirit yourself about the streets of Dublin this weekend. The sleeping Mina, perhaps. A giant skeleton. Or what about some terrifyingly good tunes from some of Ireland's best indie bands? 2pm-6pm Barnardo Square; Free.

KILLER COCKTAILS...

Nothing says Halloween like a creepy cocktail. Try The Morgan's Bloodbath (dry red, a shot of Chambord and a splash of Cranberry), Bagots Hutton's Banshee (crème de cacao with banana liqueur and grenadine) or The Morrison's Jack O'Lantern (featuring pumpkin-infused Jack Daniels). Bagotshutton.com; morrisonhotel.ie; themorgan.com.

FASTER, BETTER, STRONGER...

You've read the book. You've seen the movie. Now visit Dublin Castle to see Jonathan Harker venture deep into the Carpathians in search of Bram Stoker's Dracula. Fast Intent Theatre Company blends live music, video and performance in a macbre mash-up... 9pm. Free.

HAMMER TIME...

You wanna Horrorthon? The Irish Film institute has got one. 30 classic horror movies are screening over four fearsome days (Oct. 24-28) in a must for every genre fan. Today's treats include The Mummy (5pm), Haunter (8.10pm) and Lifeforce (11.10pm). ifi.ie/horrorthon.

LIFE AFTER DEATH...

Here's another big idea from The Little Museum of Dublin: an exhibition giving a rare insight into the circumstances surrounding the publication of Dracula, and its afterlife. First editions and handwritten correspondence make a bloody good show bibliophiles. littlemuseum.ie; €6.

JAM WITH BRAM...

The Bernard Shaw Bar is one of the deadliest in Dublin, and tonight, Toejam present an evening of gothic live art like no other. Watch Mick Minogue, Steve McCarthy and Fatti Burke create a large scale triptych from found objects from 6pm 'til late. Facebook.com/thebernardshaw; free.



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10 TERRIFYING TREATS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

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CREEP OUT TO CLONTARF...

It ain't exactly Transylvania. But this Dublin 'burb is where Bram Stoker was born (at No.15 Marino Crescent), home to the Stoker Dracula Museum, and its beach is regularly jammed with kite-surfers playing Batman. An 8-minute Dart ride beats a carriage to the Carpathians, too.

MAKE LIKE MORTICIA...

Start your night as you mean to go on: with some fancy dress fun. Christ Church Cathedral is going to the darkside with a presentation of The Addams Family, complete with pop-up performances, halloween games and spook-tacular prizes. 6pm; happenings.ie; €5. Web: bramstokerfestival.com