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Cincinnati/Dayton Region Attraction Goes Hollywood

Land of Illusion Haunted Scream Park opens the 110-acre theme park for TV, film, and video production.

MADISON TOWNSHIP, OH (March 27, 2015) – It was announced today that the popular Land of Illusion Haunted Scream Park has diversified by opening up the 110-acre theme park for TV, film, and video production. The Land of Illusion Studio & Backlot is working with the Dayton Film Commission and Greater Cincinnati and Northern KY Film Commission to promote the availability of this new location.

According to CEO, Brett Oakley, “we have been looking at different ways to make the park operational for more than nine weeks of the year just during the Halloween season and feel that this is a natural extension due to the location, available facilities and sets.” Oakley credits the accessibility of the location and resources that are available in the area and the State of Ohio tax rebate as reasons this is an attractive affordable location for filming.

Filming has already begun on the comedy horror film, *The Funhouse Massacre*, produced by Petri Entertainment. Petri Entertainment is an independent production company focusing on genre-driven films. Their goal is to complete and deliver first-class, upbeat, highly marketable feature films at an economical cost as compared to today’s escalated market. Petri President Andy Palmer, and director of *The Funhouse Massacre*, is impressed with the Land of the Illusion property stating that, “it is perfect with sets already in place and large pools of talent that can be drawn upon from the Middletown, Cincinnati, and Dayton markets.”

Palmer also announced that Robert Englund, who played the fictional serial killer Freddy Krueger, in the [Nightmare on Elm Street](#) film series will be the leading star in this upcoming comedy horror film. Englund has appeared in numerous films and most recently was a special guest in Shock Comic Con (February, 2015).

There are many slots available for casting for area residents interested. Details are posted on the Ohio, Dayton, and Greater Cincinnati Film Commission websites as well as <http://landofillusionstudios.com>. Filming is scheduled to last through April 19.

About Land of Illusion

The Land of Illusion, located in Middletown Ohio, is one of America’s best haunts and has grown continuously for close to 18 years. Our attractions aren’t cramped or short and we have room to grow even more. People looking for things to do during the Halloween season come from all over the tri-state. Our most recent addition, the one-of-a-kind haunted ride, Zombie Sniper Patrol, redefined haunted attractions in 2013, and shows no signs of slowing down. Visitors board an army transport vehicle and send a real undead horde back to hell — one paintball at a time. Cincinnati’s haunted houses can’t offer an experience this immersive, and Dayton’s haunted houses are horrified to even try. Check out our four haunted houses, the haunted trail and live entertainment on the Stage of Rage.

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About Director, Andy Palmer

Andy Palmer is an award-winning film and television director/producer/editor. Andy's feature directing credits include, "Find Me" for Gravitas Ventures, "Alien Strain" for Shoreline Entertainment and the upcoming film "Welcome to Kain." He also produced the film 'Awaken' from director Daric Loo, and edited the films, "Andre the Butcher," and the multiple award winning documentary, "Chasing the Horizon." After co-producing and directing several episodes of the web-series "Clued-Less" for writers Renee Dorian and Ben Begley, he had the opportunity to read their feature script for "The Funhouse Massacre." Andy and his producing partner "Warner Davis" optioned the script immediately moved into pre-production on the project. As the script is set in Ohio, the writer's home state, it was important to try to shoot there to really create the backdrop properly for the film. And after meeting Brett Oakley and Mark Ott and being introduced to the Land of Illusion Park, Andy knew that he had the perfect location for "Funhouse Massacre."

About Producer, Warner Davis

Warner Davis's passion for film brought him to Los Angeles from college in Louisiana. He enrolled at California Lutheran University to obtain his MBA. While attending school, he began working for MGM Studios in theatrical business affairs. His tenure at MGM Studios has given him a thorough understanding of domestic and foreign distribution for films being released theatrically and other ancillary markets. He interned for After Dark Films during the filming of Seconds Apart, giving him his first experience on how a film set operates. His first produced project was a short film entitled My Dear, which was accepted into the Palm Springs Short Festival and L.A. Short Festival. Following My Dear, he produced his first feature film entitled Awaken, for Osiris Entertainment. Since then, he has gone on to produce "Find Me" for Gravitas Ventures, "Alien Strain" for Shoreline Entertainment and the upcoming thriller "Welcome to Kain." Currently Warner is producing "The Funhouse Massacre" and is very excited for the opportunity to work with the local crews as well as actors from Ohio, as well as the owners and crew at the Land of Illusion Backlot to help bring "The Funhouse Massacre" to life.

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