

HOT DATES

ALL MONTH: "Terror Behind the Walls"

Step into the ruins of Eastern State Penitentiary ... if you dare. The historic prison is once again reborn as a haunted house featuring six spooky spots, from the eerie medical ward to the long-abandoned machine shop. Throughout the jail, former "residents" hide, waiting to reach out and grab or even abduct visitors. (Don't worry—the faint of heart can opt to walk through and observe.) This year's frightening fun includes the debut of *Blood Yard*, where the brave walk a path of bones to a gory site of gnawed and decayed "flesh." Tickets at easternstate.org/buynow.—Amy Gordon

TOP SPOTS

Lights, camera, action! These film-centric happenings bring the magic of the silver screen to Philly.

OCTOBER 19-29 PHILADELPHIA FILM FESTIVAL

The Philadelphia Film Society once again takes the city by storm with more than 180 flicks, industry discussions and exclusive events with actors and directors. Times, prices and venues vary. Check website for details. 267.239.2941, filmadelphia.org

OCTOBER 20-21 CHESTNUT HILL HARRY POTTER FESTIVAL

This picturesque neighborhood transforms into the fictional town of Hogsmeade from the popular books and movies. Twelve city blocks set the scene for wizardry and witchcraft with food, drinks, crafts, a costume contest and even a quidditch tournament. Fri. 6-9 pm, Sat. 10 am-4 pm. Free admission (fee for some events). Germantown Avenue, 215.247.6696, chestnuthillpa.com

OCTOBER 20-22 PHILLY POPS: A STAR WARS CELEBRATION

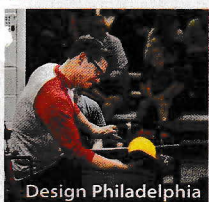
In honor of the 40th anniversary of the release of this iconic sci-fi drama, the Philly POPS plays a tribute to John Williams, the legendary composer behind the film's memorable score. \$35-\$150. Kimmel Center, Verizon Hall, 300 S. Broad St., 215.893.1999, phillypops.org

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6 Great Things Not to Be Missed



Chestnut Hill Harry Potter Festival



Design Philadelphia

1 FEDERAL DONUTS BLOCK PARTY > OCT. 1

Chow down on gourmet doughnuts and fried chicken, and sample brews from Philly's own Yards Brewing Company. Call for times. Free admission. Sansom Street between 16th and 17th, 215.665.1101, federaldonuts.com

2 DESIGN PHILADELPHIA > OCT. 5-14

This aesthetically minded fest highlights the city's design savvy with 100+ events, like fashion shows, exhibitions and studio tours. Times vary. Free or low cost. designphiladelphia.org

3 MIDTOWN VILLAGE FALL FESTIVAL > OCT. 7

One of Philly's most vibrant enclaves welcomes the season with live music, food from local res-

taurants, craft beer gardens and kids' activities. Noon-8 pm. Free admission. 13th & Chestnut sts. midtownvillagephilly.org

4 ARTS@NIGHT IN THE PIAZZA > OCT. 13

In Northern Liberties, more than 20 local artists create new works on the spot and offer finished pieces for sale. 6-11 pm. Free admission. 1001 N. 2nd St., 215.825.7552, theschmidtscommons.com

6 WWI SCAVENGER HUNT > OCT. 14

Solve riddles, decipher clues and complete puzzles related to the Independence Seaport Museum's World War I exhibit. 12:30-5 pm. \$25 (team of 3). 211 S. Columbus Blvd., 215.413.8655, phillyseaport.com/scavengerhunt

5 PHILLY FREE STREETS > OCT. 28

This car-free event temporarily closes seven miles of roads solely for pedestrians and cyclists to roam. 8 am-1 pm. Free. Visit website for route. phillyfreestreeets.com

There's a lot more going on this month. Visit us online: wheretraveler.com