

HAUNTED HISTORY TOUR BRINGS TO LIFE TRUE CRIME STORY OF CHARLOTTE'S 'DEVIL CHARLIE'

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Sept. 24, 2019 – On Friday night, Oct. 25, The Charlotte Museum of History will host “Terrors of the Past: Escape from Devil Charlie,” an interactive theatrical performance focused on the 1791 death – and possible murder – of Polly Alexander.

One of the most chilling crimes of the 18th century is brought back to life for one night only as visitors try to solve the mysterious death of Polly Alexander. Did her husband, the infamous "Devil Charlie" Polk, murder her with their infant son in her arms? Surrounded by a cast of actors, guests will journey through dark woods and into the heart of Mecklenburg County's oldest home in this immersive haunted history attraction.

“This haunted history performance is based on real-life events that happened in Charlotte in the late 1700s and involved two of the area's most prominent families, the Alexanders and the Polks,” said Adria Focht, president & CEO of The Charlotte Museum of History. “Polly Alexander's parents built the 1774 Rock House, which sits behind The Charlotte Museum of History, and Polly married Charlie Polk at the Rock House in 1785. She later died in 1791 after her husband allegedly shot her. Charlie Polk said it was an accident, but for years people suspected it was murder. After all, Polk was known in town as 'Devil Charlie' because of his dangerous and cruel pranks, some of which ended up harming people long before Polly died.”

Doors open at 6 p.m. and tours begin at dark and continue throughout the night until 10 p.m. Guests will be assigned to a small group for their 45-minute tour and will have an opportunity to explore the museum, grab a drink at the cash bar and listen to DJ Curtis English before their tour.



How to Go

General Admission tickets are \$30. VIP tickets are \$45 and include one specialty cocktail, a fast pass to go straight to the front of the tour line and a zombie photo op.

Ticket are available online only at charlottemuseum.org/events and will not be available at the door, as this event will sell out.

This event is designed for ages 21 and up. It includes loud explosions, special effects and moments of complete darkness. It takes place at a historic site and covers lots of ground, including walking along paved sidewalks, grassy terrain and some stairs. The event is rain or shine.

About The Charlotte Museum of History

The Charlotte Museum of History engages a broad audience in the history of the Charlotte region through the stories of its people, places and events to promote dialogue and historical perspective. The museum is the steward of the 1774 Alexander Rock House and home site, a site listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the oldest home in Mecklenburg County. To learn more, visit charlottemuseum.org and follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

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