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#### NEWS RELEASE

## **‘Completely Reimagined’: The Great Jack O’Lantern Blaze Brings Wicked Halloween Magic to the Hudson Valley**

From pumpkins to phantoms, find it all in Sleepy Hollow Country, the ultimate Halloween destination

SLEEPY HOLLOW, NY (July 30, 2025) — This fall, Sleepy Hollow Country once again becomes the ultimate destination for Halloween lovers as New York’s most iconic seasonal experiences return. The Great Jack O’Lantern Blaze® lights up nights with brand-new displays and expanded offerings, while immersive Sleepy Hollow-themed events bring Washington Irving’s classic tale to life in thrilling new ways.

**Blaze: Hudson Valley** returns to Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton-on-Hudson for 52 nights, from September 12 through November 16. This year’s event is completely reimagined with multiple new pumpkin displays, including intricate carvings of New York State landmarks, eye-popping classic video game icons, and a whimsical hillside *Wizard of Oz* scene that goes far beyond the rainbow.

The Gourd & Goblet Tavern, a sit-down VIP hospitality experience inside an 18th-century inn nestled along the Blaze trail, returns after a wildly popular opening season that sold out every night—now with increased capacity. New for 2025, visitors can also enjoy The Headless Horseman’s Hideaway, a family-friendly VIP trail-side stop featuring themed cocktails, snacks, and photo-ops with the Horseman himself. Both experiences require separate tickets.

**Blaze: Hudson Valley** is presented by Con Edison. Contributing Sponsors include JPMorgan Chase and Northwell Phelps Hospital. Hospitality Partners are Windrose on Hudson, Tarrytown House Estate, and The Abbey Inn & Spa. Beverage Sponsors include Captain Lawrence and Hudson North Cider Co. Media Sponsors are WHUD and The Peak.

Beyond the glow of thousands of pumpkins, visitors can immerse themselves in *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* through a lineup of unforgettable experiences taking place throughout October:

At **Washington Irving’s Sunnyside**, daytime **Legendary Tours** offer family fun, including a shadow puppet film and a *Legend*-themed exhibit. By night, master storyteller Jonathan Kruk

and musician Jim Keyes for the outdoor performances of **Irving's 'Legend,'** a dramatic retelling of Irving's classic tale.

At Philipsburg Manor, illusionists conjure the supernatural during **The Spirits of Sleepy Hollow Country: A Night of Legendary Magic,** featuring ghostly tales and spellbinding tricks. New matinee performances have been added by popular demand.

Debuting this year is **The Headless Horseman Files: An Immersive Sleepy Hollow Whodunit,** a daytime theatrical mystery walk where visitors gather clues and uncover what really happened to Ichabod Crane.

After dark, **Twilight Village at Sleepy Hollow** has undergone a major transformation as it takes over Philipsburg Manor in the heart of Sleepy Hollow. This atmospheric outdoor experience is filled with fire performers, storytellers, a pop-up market, and a dramatic sound-and-light show recreating the Horseman's midnight ride.

All events are held rain or shine. Proceeds support Historic Hudson Valley, the Tarrytown-based non-profit educational organization that owns and operates these National Historic Landmarks.

### **Ticket and Date Information**

All events have limited capacity and regularly sell out, so advance ticket purchase is required. Tickets go on sale to the general public on August 6, 2025, at [www.hudsonvalley.org](http://www.hudsonvalley.org). Presales begin August 1 for Historic Hudson Valley members, followed by app users on August 4 and social media fans and past ticket buyers on August 5. To access the app presale, download the app at [hudsonvalley.org/app](http://hudsonvalley.org/app).

**Blaze: Hudson Valley** dates are September 12-14, 19-21, 24-30; October 1-31; November 1-2, 7-9, 14-16. Standard admission online tickets start at \$24. Children 2 and under attend for free. Entry to The Gourd & Goblet Tavern and The Headless Horseman's Hideaway require separate tickets to those experiences. FLEX and FLEX PLUS tickets provide the ultimate access with no reservations required. Historic Hudson Valley members can access free standard admission tickets.

**The Headless Horseman Files: An Immersive Sleepy Hollow Whodunit** dates are Oct. 3-5, 10-13, 17-19, 24-26, 31-Nov. 1. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for children (3-17), and free for children 2 and under. Historic Hudson Valley members receive a 15% discount.

**The Spirits of Sleepy Hollow Country: A Night of Legendary Magic** dates are Oct. 3-5, 10-13, 17-19, 24-26, 31-Nov. 1. Tickets start at \$65 and Historic Hudson Valley members receive a 15% discount.

**Twilight Village at Sleepy Hollow** dates are Oct. 3-5, 10-13, 17-19, 24-26, 31-Nov. 1. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for children (3-17), and free for children 2 and under. Historic Hudson Valley members receive a 15% discount on tickets.

**Irving's 'Legend'** dates are Oct. 3-5, 10-13, 17-19, 24-26, 31-Nov. 1. Tickets start at \$45 for adults and \$40 for children (3-17). Historic Hudson Valley members receive a 15% discount on tickets.

**Legendary Tours of Washington Irving's Sunnyside** dates September 12-14, 19-21, Oct. 3-5, 10-13, 17-19, 24-26, 31-Nov 2, Nov 7-9. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and young adults; \$16 for children (3-17), and free for those 2 and under. Historic Hudson Valley members receive a 15% discount on tickets.

Buy tickets online at [www.hudsonvalley.org](http://www.hudsonvalley.org).

#### **Details: The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze**

*The Great Jack O' Lantern Blaze: Hudson Valley* features illuminated, individually hand-carved jack o' lanterns in elaborate, professionally lit displays throughout the historic landscape of Van Cortlandt Manor.

The Gourd & Goblet Tavern is a sit-down VIP hospitality experience set in an 18th-century inn nestled along the pumpkin trail and requires a separate ticketed admission. It includes table service with a delicious snacks, cocktails, and mocktails.. The Tavern experience is recommended for ages 18+.

The Headless Horseman's Hideaway is a spirited stop on the pumpkin trail that includes a choice a small snack, cocktails, and mocktails. Photo-ops with the Headless Horseman are included in this separately ticketed VIP experience.

Van Cortlandt Manor is at 525 South Riverside Avenue, just off Route 9 in Croton-on-Hudson.

#### **Details: The Spirits of Sleepy Hollow Country: A Night of Legendary Magic**

Featuring nationally renowned illusionists Mark Clearview and Nick Wallace, this back-by-popular-demand event features these conjuring masters communicating with the spirits of Sleepy Hollow Country like Hulda, Major Andre, and the Headless Horseman, delighting and thrilling audiences, who have multiple chances to participate in the experience. The event takes place at Philipsburg Manor in the heart of Sleepy Hollow. Snacks and drinks, including local wine and beer, will be available to purchase. Premium tickets include a complimentary beverage and cabaret style seating.

#### **Details: Twilight Village at Sleepy Hollow**

At Philipsburg Manor in the heart of Sleepy Hollow, Twilight Village features traveling musicians and performers, a robust market with food, drink, and souvenirs, and plenty of photo-ops, including with the Headless Horseman.

Philipsburg Manor is at 381 North Broadway in Sleepy Hollow.

#### **The Headless Horseman Files: An Immersive Sleepy Hollow Whodunit**

On this 45-minute walk through the historic grounds of Sleepy Hollow's Philipsburg Manor, visitors encounter suspicious townsfolk—each with their own tale and motive for causing the

demise of Ichabod Crane. Visitors work together to mine the clues and decide who they think the Headless Horseman really is.

Philipsburg Manor is at 381 North Broadway in Sleepy Hollow.

#### **Details: Irving's 'Legend'**

Performing amid the lush landscape of Washington Irving's estate, master storyteller Jonathan Kruk, accompanied by professional musician Jim Keyes, brings to life the story of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* in this outdoor, evening event, a perennial favorite. Snacks and drinks, including local wine and beer, will be available to purchase.

#### **Details: Legendary Tours of Washington Irving's Sunnyside**

Sunnyside celebrates its connection to Washington Irving's classic tale, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, at this family friendly daytime event. Visitors can tour the cottage, see an original short shadow puppet film, and enjoy a *Legend*-themed exhibit.

Sunnyside is on West Sunnyside Lane, off Route 9 in Tarrytown.

#### **About Historic Hudson Valley**

Historic Hudson Valley, Westchester County's largest cultural organization, educates and entertains more than 325,000 visitors a year through school programs, tours of five National Historic Landmarks, and Halloween themed experiences, which have earned a national reputation as among the best in the country.