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## **Grave Gala's sinister carnival invites you behind closed doors**

**On Saturday, October 29** Hotel Arts opens its doors to the costume party that started it all, Calgary Opera's *Grave Gala*. Join us for this over-the-top costumed celebration that offers everything from the best music spun by DJ Thunder, to Tarot Card and psychic readers, food, drink and much more! This is your chance to let down your hair and celebrate with an evening of revelry you'll never forget.

Inspired by Calgary Opera's first show of the season, *Pagliacci*, the Hotel Arts ballroom will be transformed as the dark carnival atmosphere rolls into town. A gypsy fortune teller makes her uncanny predictions, silhouettes of circus animals loom in their cages, freak show oddities fascinate those brave enough to look, and the dancing has only just begun. Have your future read by our soothsayers, sample the delectable finger foods and mingle with a host of costumed partiers. The most creative, daring and imaginative costumes will be judged with prizes given in various categories.

**Tickets are \$90.** All proceeds from *Grave Gala* go directly to Calgary Opera to help fund mainstage productions as well as Education and Outreach programs. For more information call **Calgary Opera** at **(403) 262-7286** or purchase online at **[www.calgaryopera.com](http://www.calgaryopera.com)**. *Grave Gala* sells out every year, so get your tickets now, before it's too late. Special: Buy 9 tickets and get the 10<sup>th</sup> ticket free!

Room rates are also available for party-goers who don't want to drive home. **Call Hotel Arts at 403-266-4611 to book the special *Grave Gala* rate.**

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