

THE CITY OF  
**YOUNGSTOWN**<sup>™</sup>  
——— EVENTS & SPECIAL PROJECTS

**Historical  
Youngstown Ghost Tour**

**\*\*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE\*\*9-10-2024**  
2nd Annual Historical Ghost Tour Returns to Downtown Youngstown, October 3-4, 2024, featuring 21 Ghosts of Youngstown's Past! Tickets on sale this Friday the 13th!

**SAVE THE DATE: GET YOUR SEAT!**

**2024 Historical Youngstown Ghost Tour: Tickets go on Sale: on Friday the 13th!**

**THIS FRIDAY, September 13, 2024**

[www.youngstownghosttour.com](http://www.youngstownghosttour.com)

Downtown Youngstown: Following the success of last year's inaugural event, the 2nd Annual Ghost Tour will return to downtown Youngstown on Thursday, October 3, and Friday, October 4, 2024. This year's tour features an additional day to meet the public's high demand.

Participants will explore historic West Federal Street in Youngstown, enjoying live theatre and family-friendly entertainment—the event partners with The Mahoning Valley Historical Society and Smarter Move Talent.

"We are thrilled to bring back the Ghost Tour for a second year," said Cindy Castro DiRusso, Owner of Smarter Move Talent, who is Producing the Tour. "It's a unique way to experience Youngstown's history and hauntings."

Tickets are \$5 per person, with proceeds assisting with additional costs to create a memorable experience.

"All actors are compensated for their work, and all costumes are rented from Hopewell Theatre on Mahoning Avenue. Our goal is to support and showcase local talent through this event. We encourage you to enjoy a meal at one of our exceptional downtown restaurants before or after your tour." - Melanie Clarke-Penella, Special Events Coordinator, City of Youngstown.

"I was apprehensive last year about attending a "ghost tour" however, I was happily surprised and educated on the rich history of Youngstown. Melanie and her team did a phenomenal job creating costumes, scripts, and site selection. This was truly a fun, family-friendly experience. I am pleased that this year is being

promoted as Dinner and a Show to support our local restaurants and the arts. “ - Nikki Posterli, Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor

Currently, ticket availability is limited to (444). If tickets are sold out, we encourage you to join the waitlist.

Wonderful volunteers lead tours from the Mahoning Valley Historical Society! If you would like to get involved please email [mcpenella@youngstownohio.gov](mailto:mcpenella@youngstownohio.gov)

To sign up for the Ghost Tour, visit [[www.youngstownghosttour.com](http://www.youngstownghosttour.com)]

### **Event Details:**

Tickets go on Sale: Friday the 13th - September 13, 2024

Date: October 3-4, 2024

Check-in Location: Tyler History Center

Time: Tours begin at 5:30 pm and depart every 30 minutes

Admission: \$5 per person, pre-paid tickets

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.youngstownghosttour.com](http://www.youngstownghosttour.com)

**The City of Youngstown**, Downtown Special Events Committee, Office of Mayor Brown is proud to be the Title Sponsor of the 2024 Historical Ghost Tour

### **About our Partners:**

#### **\*\*About The Mahoning Valley Historical Society:\*\***

The Mahoning Valley Historical Society preserves and promotes the region's rich history through educational programs, events, and exhibits. Mahoning Valley Historical Society has partnered with our event for Historical research, and fact-checking, and donated Production headquarters @ The Tyler History Center for our planning committee.

#### **\*\*About Smarter Move Talent:\*\***

Smarter Move Talent represents diverse performers and artists, providing opportunities for creative expression and community engagement. SMT is a Youngstown-based casting and production company that's projects are for both on-screen, on-stage, and in event spaces. SMT's founder, Cindy Castro DiRusso is producing the Ghost Tour for the 2nd year and is a founding member of the committee.

**Attached:** Official 2024 Poster, Official 2023 Photos: Credit McKeeFoos Photography

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