

NIGHT OF DREAD 2022

Volunteer Package

WELCOME!

WELCOME! We're so glad to have you on board for this dark, twisty, dreadful and oddly joyous occasion. If you have never participated in Night of Dread before, then you are in for a big surprise and quite a treat. If you are old friends with Night of Dread, then welcome back!

Within this package, you will find a schedule, maps, roles and responsibilities, a contact list, social media information, and a few forms to fill out.

CODE OF CONDUCT

To ensure a safe and respectful working environment for all, everyone must read and agree to the terms and conditions laid out in Clay and Paper Theatre's Code of Conduct.

You can find a copy of the Code of Conduct on the Clay and Paper Theatre website under the [Home](#) button.

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CONTACT LIST

Firstly, let's make sure you can get a hold of us. Should you have any questions or need to share with us any updates on your status or availability as a volunteer, give us a shout at the contact info below. We prefer phone calls (it's the fastest way to get a hold of us), but emails are fine as well. Your key contact(s) will be:

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LOCATIONS

Our two key event locations are:

1. Christie Pits Park and Crawford St. (*the west side of Christie Pits Park*) - Parade Starts (Oct. 29)
2. Dovercourt Park - Parade Ends (Oct. 29)

Christie Pits Park is located at 750 Bloor St W. and volunteers and Clay and Paper Theatre staff will be meeting near the graffiti wall at the underside of the **Alex Duff Memorial Pool** (in the northwest section of the park). Underneath the pool are a set of storage rooms and this is where all of C&P's puppets are stored for the parade. Here is where the organizing will take place for the Night of Dread Parade on October 29th. Let's call it *Puppet Central!*

TIPS AND TRICKS

Hosting an outdoor event at this time of year comes with its ups and downs, and is often unpredictable. The weather could be sunny, balmy, rainy, windy, and/or cold. So, to stay comfortable, particularly in the cooler temperatures, please consider the following...

- Wear thick socks, and bring extras!
- Wear a waterproof/resistant windbreaker!
- Layer, layer, layer (undershirt, long sleeves, sweater)!
- Be SUUUPER Canadian and get y'ur tuque on (plus gloves and a scarf), eh!
- Bring a travel mug or a thermos – hot drinks are your best friend (like a hug from inside)
- Dance (blood flow and cardio exercise)!
- **PLEASE NOTE:** When you come to Puppet Central, we also recommend that you avoid bringing valuables (money, credit cards, photography equipment, as some examples). While we can store some items in the Clay and Paper Theatre storage area, once we leave for the parade, the space will be locked up, but unattended.

SOCIAL MEDIA INFO

Check-in and follow our progress and updates as we prepare for this year's Night of Dread parade and park revels. We also #luv being tagged and seeing your stories and shares of this much-loved, family-friendly, all-inclusive, community event. Twenty-three years strong! Spread the Dread.

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VOLUNTEER ROLES AND DUTIES

Mandatory Parade Marshal Orientation

There will be a mandatory volunteer orientation session for **Parade Marshals** over Zoom on Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00 pm. The session will run for approximately half an hour and will be focused primarily on the route of the parade and necessary safety discussions surrounding the marshalls' role in keeping the parade a Safe and Dreadful blast for everyone!

****Parade Marshals must participate in an orientation session ahead of the Night of Dread parade.**

NIGHT OF DREAD (event day, October 29th)

IMPORTANT: There will be no parade puppet sign-out on the day of the event due to it being a non-park and performer-only parade this year. Community members **MUST** book their puppet ahead of time. Folks will be able to pick up their puppet at Christie Pits between 4:00 and 5:00 pm, where a C&P Puppet Master will help you get into your puppet and give you some parading tips.

NOTE: On Oct. 29th, all Night of Dread volunteers, please check in at Christie Pits park near the graffiti wall under the Alex Duff Memorial Pool (750 Bloor St W., northwest area of the park, beside the smaller baseball field). We're calling our meeting place, PUPPET CENTRAL. Thank you.

PARADE MARSHALS

****Parade Marshals** are essential to the smooth and safe procession of the Night of Dread Parade, both for the paraders participating and audience members watching. Your first duty will take place during the staging of the parade. While the parade is being organized and staged along Crawford Street (on the west side of Christie Pits Park), you will ensure that performers and puppeteers and any other community members gathering for the start of the parade are safe from and aware of any vehicles in close proximity. A Parade Manager will be with you in this staging area and will help answer your questions or ask for your

As a Parade Marshal, you will keep the pacing of the parade running well and in good time (not too fast, not too slow) and you will also communicate to the Lead Parade Marshal any issues along the route. The Lead Parade Marshall will be on a bicycle and will cycle up and down the length of the parade checking on it throughout the event. You are responsible for making sure paraders keep to one traffic lane only on main roads. You will also help guide people safely through traffic stops.

A high visibility Parade Marshall vest will be provided. We'll need you at Christie Pits for **4:30 PM on Sat., Oct. 29th**. You will parade with everyone to Dovercourt Park and once the short scenario performance is complete, you will drop off your high visibility vest and any other supplies at the Clay and Paper Theatre truck which will be situated by the park itself. You will not need to make your way back to Christie Pits Park. Thank you for your help during the parade!

****REMINDER:** Parade Marshals will need to attend **ONE** half-hour orientation session over Zoom on **Wed., Oct. 26th** at 7:00 pm. If this is a challenge, we may be able to arrange a one-on-one call with folks.

EVENT ASSISTANTS

As an **Event Assistant**, leading up to the event, you will help set up the puppet pickup area and set out signs in the street staging area to help organize the Parade order. You can also help the Puppet Masters (experienced Clay and Paper Theatre puppeteers/performers) retrieve puppets, masks, and costumes for Volunteer Puppeteers/Performers. You will assist the Volunteer Puppeteers to get in and out of the puppets. During the Parade, you can also be a puppet spotter, accompanying puppeteers and making sure they steer clear of tree limbs and any other obstacles. You will also play a part during the end of the event when everything needs to be collected and put away and the staging area needs to be tidied.

We'll need you at Christie Pits for **3:00 PM on Sat., Oct. 29th, 2022**. You will parade with everyone to Dovercourt Park, assisting as a Puppet Spotter. Once the short Dovercourt scenario performance is complete, you will help gather puppets and other props from volunteer performers and drop them off at the Clay and Paper Theatre truck which will be situated by the park itself. Your help unloading those puppets and props back at Christie Pits Park would be greatly appreciated, but if your evening must come to an end with us at Dovercourt Park, then thank you for your help during the pre-parade staging and parade!

Puppet-Masters will retrieve puppets, masks, and costumes for Volunteer Puppeteers/Performers. You will also assist folks in getting in and out of puppets, as well as provide them with basic training and helpful tips as a master puppeteer. We'll need you at Christie Pits for **3:00 PM on Sat., Oct. 29th, 2022**, to check in with Parade Managers and explore their puppets.

PUPPETEERS

The **Big Fears (puppets)** are a huge component of the Night of Dread Parade. You represent our major fears as a community, locally and globally. These puppets are backpack puppets and they require some skill, strength, familiarity, dexterity, and dedication, so experienced puppeteers are preferred. You will be wearing the puppet for over an hour (before and during the parade). These puppets are appropriate for adults. We'll need you at Christie Pits for **4:00 PM on Sat., Oct. 29th, 2022**.

The **Small Fears (puppets)** are rod puppets which means they are fairly light and the rod fits into a pouch you tie around your waist. Most of these puppets are great for kids 10 and up. We'll need you at Christie Pits for **4:30 PM on Sat., Oct. 29th, 2022**.

When you arrive at Puppet Central (Christie Pits), **Puppet-Masters** will retrieve puppets, masks, and costumes for Volunteer Puppeteers. They will help you get in and out of your puppet, as well as provide you with basic coaching and helpful puppetry tips.

You will then walk up to Crawford Street (the street above Christie Pits on the west side of the park) where the **Parade Manager** will escort you to your place in the parade. There you will wait until the start of the parade at 6pm. From there you will parade with your fellow puppets and puppeteers in a group to Dovercourt Park. Once we get to the park you and your puppet will join the circle of parade goers. There, Clay and Paper Theatre performers will animate a short scenario performance (Don't worry - this isn't you!). After the performance and when the evening comes to an end, you will drop off your puppet at the Clay and Paper Theatre truck which will be situated beside the park. You will not need to make your way back to Christie Pits Park. Thank you for your help during the parade!

CHARACTER PERFORMERS

The **Fear Catchers (characters)** are responsible for catching community fears on this dreadful night. You will be responsible for collecting the fears from parade onlookers with your fear catcher nets and placing the fears into the Beast! The Fear Catcher Beast is a mobile puppet that will be animated by one of our Clay and Paper theatre puppeteers. You will all work together along the parade route to gather fears. We need charismatic and confident people for this DREADFULLY important and incredibly FUN job. We'll need you at Christie Pits for **4:00 PM on Sat., Oct. 29th** where you will get your costume (a white jumpsuit you can wear over your outdoor clothes and a net) and some coaching around the character and their role in the parade.

The **Bride and Groom of Death** (characters)** is a great volunteer opportunity for a couple. You, the Bride and Groom of Death will march with the parade, reminding everyone of your eternal, deathless wedded bliss – or not... We will provide your mask and costume. We'll need you at Christie Pits between **3:30 PM on Sat., Oct. 29th**.

****We highly recommend that a costume fitting take place before the event day to make sure we have options in our costume kit for the Bride and Groom. This can be arranged via email or a phone call with Clay and Paper Theatre producers. If this fitting is done beforehand, then your calltime can be 4:30pm**

The **Doom Cheerleading Squad (characters)** is a squad of four fearleaders. It's a great opportunity for you and three friends to get together to help to spread doom and gloom to communities between Christie Pits and Dovercourt Park. You'll be cheering, dancing, and having loads of dreadful laughs. We will provide your costume for the night as you become one of our leading cheer-ers of doom, dread, and fright. We'll need you at Christie Pits for **4:00 PM on Saturday, Oct. 29th** to pick up your cheerleader pom-poms, pinnie and cheerleader skirt (These are sewn to be put on like aprons and so they can fit over outdoor clothing and be adjusted.). You'll also get a chance to practice some dreadful cheers.

A **Flag Bearer (character)** to carry the Night of Dread standard at the front of the Parade. We will provide the flag. We'll need you at Christie Pits for **4:30 PM on Sat., Oct. 29th**.

When you arrive at Puppet Central (Christie Pits), **Puppet-Masters** or the **Puppet Central Manager** will help retrieve masks, costumes and props for Volunteer Character Performers. They will help you get dressed into your character costume, as well as provide you with basic coaching around your character's parade role.

You will then walk up to Crawford Street (the street above Christie Pits on the west side of the park) where the **Parade Manager** will escort you to your place in the parade. There you will wait until the start of the parade at 6pm. From there you will parade with everyone to Dovercourt Park. Once we get to the park your character will join the circle of parade goers. There, Clay and Paper Theatre performers will animate a short scenario performance (Don't worry - this isn't you!). After the performance and when the evening comes to an end, you will drop off your costume and props at the Clay and Paper Theatre truck which will be situated beside the park. But you can also come back with us to Christie Pits Park/Puppet Central where you can pick up any other personal items you may have left locked up with us. Thank you for your help during the parade!

END OF PARADE

As Night of Dread draws to a close at Dovercourt Park, we ask that you assist us by bringing any costumes, masks, puppets, or objects to a location as indicated by the Parade Manager. This will help us ensure a swift clean-up of the space and a safe return for anything rented out from Clay and Paper Theatre.

SCHEDULE

- On the day of the event, Saturday, October 29th, we ask that all volunteers, crew, and performers meet us at Christie Pits park between 3-5 PM (please note your parade specific roles and calltimes above) to become familiar with their roles, puppets, etc. and to begin the parade set-up.
- All musicians are required to meet at 5 PM. The times noted in the descriptions above are specific to when that role becomes “active” as that role and generally coincide with the beginning of the event.
- We ask that EVERYONE has arrived by 5:15 PM to ensure that they know and can get into their placement in the parade before departing. The parade leaves Christie Pits at 6 PM sharp! Don't be late!

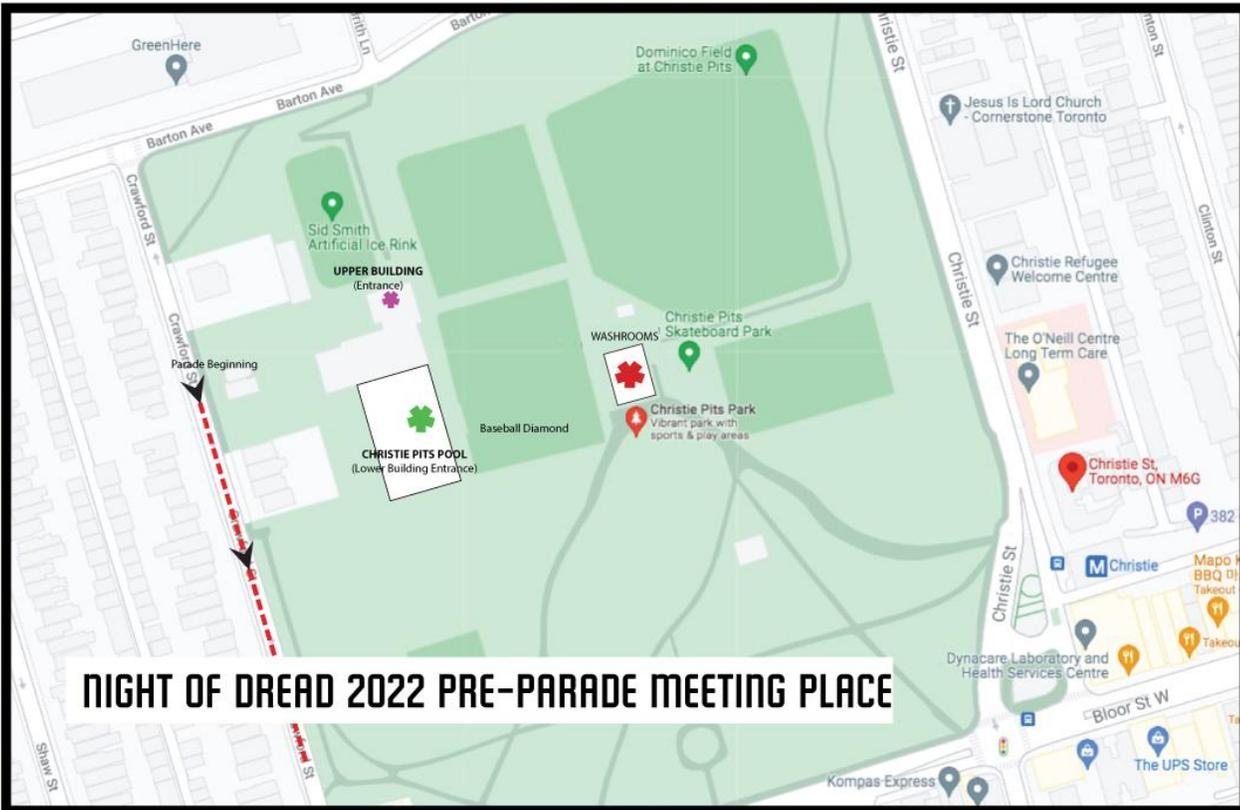
The meeting place is located near the graffiti wall located at the underside of the Alex Duff Memorial pool in Christie Pits (see map) which we call Puppet Central. This is where volunteer sign-in/out, bathrooms, snacks, hot beverages, and personal belonging storage are located. There will be a Night of Dread member present at the location at all times. Bathroom and refreshment breaks are encouraged within reason.

It will be a long afternoon and evening, but by golly, it will be a blast!

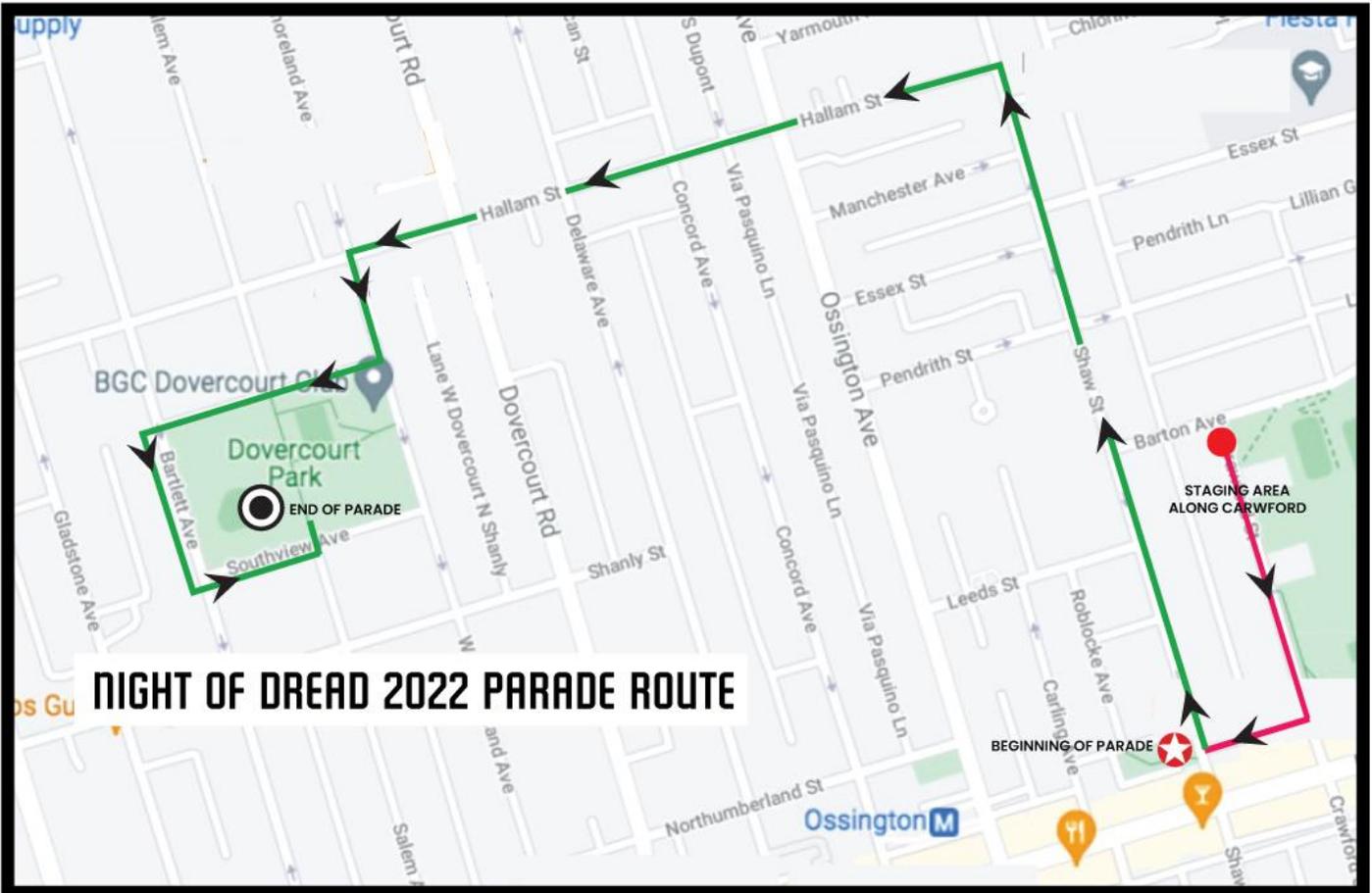
RUN SHEET

3:00 PM	Manager(s) call-time at Christie Pits
4:00 - 5:45 PM	Puppet/Mask and Character distribution OPENS
5:00 PM	Musician call-time
5:15 PM	Everyone has arrived
5:30 PM	PARADE LINE-UP Includes Richard Underhill, Kensington Horns, Maracatu Mar Aberto
6:00 PM	PARADE DEPARTS FROM CHRISTIE PITS
6:45PM	PARADE ARRIVES AT DOVERCOURT PARK Small scenario performance begins
7:15 PM	STRIKE begins

Christie Pits Park Map & Pre-Parade Meeting Place - Puppet Central



Parade Map and Route



Contact Information

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Mandatory Parade Marshal Orientation on Zoom (select one)

Wed., Oct. 26, 2022 at 7:00 pm YES / NO

Thurs., Oct. 27, 2022 at 1:00 pm YES / NO

Preferred Volunteer Roles

Parade Marshal _____

Event Assistant _____

Big Fear _____

Small Fear _____

Fear Catcher _____

Bride and Groom of Death _____

Flag Bearer _____

Doom Cheerleading Squad _____

Information About Yourself or Resume

Tell us a bit about your background and or interests. If you also have a resume you'd like to attach (especially if you are applying to be a Puppeteer or Character Performer), please feel free to share it with us. While having production experience or having a background as an actor is NOT essential to participating in Night of Dread, any info about your skills and interest is always great to know. Thank you!

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