

****For Immediate Release****

Biggs Museum and Delaware State Fair Seek Carvers for The Great Delaware Pumpkin Carve

Carvers Should Register by September 14th



Harrington, DE (September 10, 2018) – The Biggs Museum and the Delaware State Fair are seeking carvers for the First Annual Great Delaware Pumpkin Carve Festival on October 26th and 27th. Carvers are encouraged to register before September 14th to guarantee space!

About The Great Delaware Pumpkin Carve

The Great Delaware Pumpkin Carve Festival is an all-weather Halloween classic in the making that will take place at the Delaware State Fairgrounds under roof in the Quillen Arena. Families can come check out a Pumpkin Trail of 50 amazingly carved pumpkins, each weighing from 150 - 300 pounds! The Biggs Museum and the Delaware State Fair are inviting creative pumpkin carvers ranging from 1st time carvers to seasoned pros to come and carve pumpkins provided by the event.

The festival will begin on Friday evening, October 26th when the 50 enrolled carvers and their teams meet their assigned pumpkins for the first time and begin carving at 6:00 p.m. under the watchful eye of festival spectators who are invited to attend. Besides watching giant pumpkins being sliced and diced and otherwise transformed into works of Halloween art, festival patrons can participate in spooky walk-through haunted barns (one themed for young children and the

other a little more intense for teens and older patrons), hayrides, kids activities including miniature pumpkin decorating, and so much more! Kids and adults are encouraged to come wearing their Halloween costumes.

The festival will continue into Saturday, October 27th, when the 50 carved pumpkins will be on display in a Halloween themed holiday setting using hay bales and creatively illuminated.

Carver Details

Interested in throwing your hat in the ring and becoming an event pumpkin carver? Carvers come in all ages and from all backgrounds. Carvers can include individuals, families, or a work group carving team. In order to carve at the festival, you need to apply by completing the online application at: www.delawarepumpkincarve.com/carverapp . In addition to the application form, the competition rules are also posted on the website. Carving opportunities are limited to the first 50 carvers who apply, so please sign up soon.

Local businesses are also invited to sponsor one of the giant pumpkins being transformed into works of art. Great Pumpkin Carve sponsorships are available for \$100. Details are available on the event website.

Event Quick Facts

1. EVENT NAME: The Great Pumpkin Carve Festival
2. EVENT HOSTS: The Delaware State Fair and the Biggs Museum of American Art
3. EVENT DATES: Friday, October 26th from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. and Saturday, October 27th from 3 p.m. -9 p.m.
4. EVENT LOCATION: Delaware State Fairgrounds, 18500 S. DuPont Highway, Harrington, DE
5. COST OF ADMISSION:

	Adults Tickets (13+)	Youth (6-12)	Kids (5 & under)
Pre-purchased	\$7.00	\$3.00	FREE
Gate purchase	\$10.00	\$4.00	FREE
Weekend pass	\$12.00	\$5.00	FREE

1. EVENT DESCRIPTION: SOMETHING BIG IS COMING TO THE FAIRGROUNDS THIS FALL! The Delaware State Fair together with the Biggs Museum of American Art present The Great Delaware Pumpkin Carve Festival - an annual Fall-tastic event for the

entire family! Friday, October 26th from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, October 27th from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Come check out the Pumpkin Patch - 50 amazingly-carved giant pumpkins, each weighing over 150 lbs. that will scare you, amaze you, or make you laugh and smile! And don't miss out on the festival - hayrides, a bonfire, kids pumpkin crafts, all kinds of food selections, seasonal craft beers, wines and ciders, spooky ice bumper car rides, haunted barns walk-through attractions, and much more! On-grounds weekend Halloween themed camping opportunities are also available. Let the fall festivities begin!

More information at <http://www.delawarepumpkincarve.com/> or call 302-398-3269.

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