

# EERIE HORROR FEST

## ABOUT THE FEST

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The Eerie Horror Fest is four days of selected short and feature-length films, celebrity meet-and-greets, cast and crew Q&As, panel discussions, a vendor hall, and receptions, all in the beautiful historic Warner Theatre in Erie, Pennsylvania.

The Eerie Horror Fest returned after a 5-year hiatus October 28-30, 2021 with headline guests Michael Biehn (Aliens, Terminator), David Naughton (An American Werewolf in London), and the cast of Uneath (Marc Blucas, Alison McAtee, and PJ Marshall).

October 5-8, 2022, the fest had a record attendance of 1,500 to see four nights of special events. The headline event was the silent film *Nosferatu* with a live performance of the Warner Theatre's pipe organ. Other headline guests included Tobey Poser and John Adams (The Adams Family) screening *Hellbender*, the cast and director of *Children of the Corn* doing live commentary during their screening, and Actor Mark Patton and Filmmaker Carter Smith participating in a live panel to discuss queer themes in horror after screenings of *Bugcrush* and *Swallowed*.

Unique to our event is the Pitch Competition. We accept ideas in the form of the first 5-pages of a script and a pitch deck, and finalists are invited to pitch, in person, to a panel of film industry judges. In 2022, Braden McClain and his winning pitch for "Rusalka" will receive a consultation and the potential to be taken on as a project by Blood Oath ([jointhebloodoath.com](http://jointhebloodoath.com)).

Eerie Horror Fest 2023 is accepting submissions on [FilmFreeway.com](http://FilmFreeway.com) from December 1-July 1, 2023. The festival is October 4-7 at the Warner Theatre in Erie, PA.

More at [eeriehorrorfest.com](http://eeriehorrorfest.com)



Actor Mark Patton



Artist "Monster" Mark Kosobucki



Development Director Erika Berlin, Actor Michael Biehn, and Festival Director John C. Lyons



Filmmaker John Adams discussing his film *HELLBENDER*



Cast of *CHILDREN OF THE CORN*



Pitch competition judges Brandon Hill, Jackie George, and Ashleigh Snead, and filmmaker/winner Braden McClain



David Naughton of *AMERICAN WEREWOLF IN LONDON* with a fan



Event attendees



Warner Theatre Grand Lobby



Filmmakers Tobey Poser and Carter Smith, Festival Director John C. Lyons, and Filmmaker John Adams with staff of Erie Arts and Culture.



*Nosferatu* organist Ron Rhode



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Members of Film Society of Northwestern Pennsylvania Board of Directors John Vanco, Dan Sloppy, Mark Kosobucki, Aimee Thomas, Jackie George, Jessica Taylor, John C. Lyons, Erika Berlin



Festival staff and volunteers Mark Kosobucki, David Bostaph, Shana Mollick, Amanda Shaffer, Jamie Smith, Olyvia Lozano, Margaret Dieudonne, Karis Turk, Erika Berlin, John C. Lyons, Brian Bowersox, Sagan Bostaph



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## FILM SOCIETY OF NORTHWESTERN PA

The Eerie Horror Fest is operated by the Film Society of Northwestern Pennsylvania, a 501(c) nonprofit since 2021. Our mission is to elevate the film industry in Erie, PA, support regional filmmakers, and foster patronage for the art of film. More information at [filmsocietynwpa.org](http://filmsocietynwpa.org).

### EXECUTIVE FESTIVAL STAFF

John C. Lyons, Festival Director  
Erika Berlin, Development Director  
David Bostaph, Operations Director  
Amanda Shaffer, Marketing Director  
Margaret Dieudonne, Project & Growth Manager

Eerie Horror Fest was founded by Dick, Mavis, and Greg Ropp in 2004.

## ABOUT ERIE, PA

Located on the southern shore of our namesake lake, Erie is the Flagship City and Pennsylvania's primary access point to the Great Lakes. The Erie metropolitan area has 266,000 residents and is roughly equidistant from Cleveland, Buffalo, and Pittsburgh.

Erie has a thriving arts and culture community, enthusiastically supported by its residents including a world-class Erie Philharmonic residing at the Warner Theatre, the home of the Eerie Horror Fest.

Erie boasts a vibrant downtown and Bayfront district and museums, beautiful Presque Isle State Park Lake Erie Wine Country, Lake Erie Ale Trail, unique shops, and the U.S. Brig Niagara.