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**SLEW OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS TO ACCOMPANY PRODUCTION
OF *THE BROTHERS PARANORMAL***

**Panel discussions, short films, Thai food and craft market, horror trivia
night among the offerings that go beyond the stage**

OLNEY, MD — September 22, 2023 — *The Brothers Paranormal*, a play that brings together elements of classic horror films, Thai cultural traditions, with interlocking stories of displacement runs at Olney Theatre from September 28 - October 29, 2023 and is accompanied by community events that take elements of those themes as inspiration. Beginning with a discussion with Thai-American playwright Prince Gomolvilas on Saturday, September 30, other events include screenings of short films from the DC APA Short Film Festival (October 1), a horror movie trivia night (October 19), a free story hour for kids at the Olney Library (October 22) and an afternoon of scarier stories for adults (October 29). Additionally, there will be a special Thai Food and Crafts Bazaar on four Saturdays of the run (October 7, 14, 21 and 28). The full schedule is below:

Special Events

Behind the Scenes and Beyond the Stage

OPENING NIGHT CONVERSATION WITH PLAYWRIGHT PRINCE GOMOLVILAS

Mulitz-Gudelsky Theatre Lab

Saturday, September 30, 5:00–6:00 p.m.

\$10 / Free for members also available online as a livestream on Facebook and YouTube

D.C. APA SHORT FILM FESTIVAL SCREENING

In partnership with DC International Shorts Film Festival

Sunday, October 1, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Roberts Mainstage Theatre, Olney Theatre Center

\$10 / Free for members

If you enjoyed our screening of films from DCSAFF last April, then why not join us again for horror highlights from the D.C. Asian Pacific American Film Fest! D.C. Asian Pacific American

Film Fest was established to be the beacon of creative output of Asian and Asia. Come for the Sunday matinee of The Brothers Paranormal, stay for more contemporary spooky tales.

FIESTA ASIA: THAI FOOD AND CRAFTS BAZAAR

In partnership with Fiesta Asia/Asia Heritage Foundation
Saturdays, 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm on October 7, 14, 21, 28
Free

Thai culture has a rich and venerable heritage. Their cultural traditions and culinary offerings are especially enticing. Every Saturday there will be Thai street food and snacks being offered before and after performances from 3:30 to 7:30pm.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS PARANORMAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Thursday, October 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Actors Hall, Olney Theatre Center
Entry fee: \$5

Put your horror movie knowledge to the test...if you dare. Jason Voorhees or Michael Myers? Chucky or Jigsaw? From Alfred Hitchcock to Jordan Peele, horror movie history is full of shocking twists and turns. Showcase your scary movie memory to win tickets to future shows at Olney Theatre Center. And that's not all: we have our own home team of Olney staff members who are strong contenders. You can sign up with your friends as a team or come on your own and join others (even the home team!). Drinks and snacks available for purchase.

Hosted by sibling horror movie buffs Irene and Reed Martinko!

“GHOSTS” STORY TIME AT THE OLNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sunday, October 22, 1:00–2:00 p.m.
Olney Public Library (3500 Olney Laytonsville Rd, Olney, MD 20832)
No RSVP. Just show up!

As part of our celebration of The Brothers Paranormal, we're sponsoring a morning of stories at the Olney Public Library. This is a free family event appropriate for all ages, especially toddlers, preschoolers, and young children. Books to be read are chosen with the help of the Olney librarian.

GHOST STORIES WITH WELDON

Sunday, October 29, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
1938 Original Theatre, Olney Theatre Center
Free with RSVP

In Director of Sales Weldon Brown's thirty years at Olney Theatre, he has seen a lot, including things of the spooky variety. He's worked here the longest and knows where the skeletons are buried, ha! Attendees are encouraged to dress up in costume for this Halloween event!

About *The Brothers Paranormal*

It's 2007 somewhere in the American Midwest, and Thai-American brothers Max (**Tommy Bo**) and Visarut (**Eymard Cabling**) haven't had a single case for their paranormal investigation business since they opened. Finally, a customer arrives, Delia (**Lolita Marie**), a Black woman who has relocated to the area after losing her home in Hurricane Katrina. She's seen a female, perhaps Asian, maybe Thai-speaking ghost (played by **Justine "Icy" Moral**) haunting her house for reasons unknown. Max, who doesn't believe in ghosts, is most excited to sign her up for a deluxe investigation package. But when the brothers visit Delia and her husband Felix (**DeJeanette Horne**), strange things begin to happen. The play also features **Cindy Chang** as Tasanee, Max and Visarut's immigrant mother, and a link to the home left behind in Thailand. **Joey Ledonio** (Max and Visarut) and **Sally Imbriano** (Jai and Tasanee) serve as swings, and **Terresita Edwards** is the understudy for Delia.

DETAILS

The Brothers Paranormal

By Prince Gomolvilas

Directed by Hallie Gordon and Aria Velz

Begins: Thursday, September 28, 2023

Press Opening: Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 1:30 pm. Email sstraub@olneytheatre.org to reserve.

Runs until: Sunday, October 29, 2023

Tickets begin at \$50. Discounts available for groups, seniors, active military and students visit olneytheatre.org/discounts for details.

Purchase via olneytheatre.org/brothers or 301-924-3400

Regular performances are Wednesday-Saturday at 7:30 pm; matinees on Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 pm.

No Saturday matinee on September 30.

On Wednesday, October 4 there will be a matinee performance at 1:30 pm, however there are no Wednesday, 7:30 pm performances on October 4 or October 18.

For the 2023-2024 Season, Olney Theatre Center will be offering programs for purchase rather than as a complimentary item at performances. For more information visit: olneytheatre.org/programs

ACCESSIBILITY

Audio described performance on Wednesday, October 11 at 7:30 pm

Sign interpreted performance on Thursday, October 12 at 7:30 pm

ABOUT OLNEY THEATRE CENTER

Mission

Olney Theatre Center for the Arts produces and curates theatrical performance for the diverse audiences in our community, and educates, learns from, supports and inspires a more inclusive generation of theater-makers.

Vision

We strive to become an arts and culture powerhouse, redefining the American regional theater movement by cultivating and sharing the creativity of our community.

History

Founded in 1938 as a summer playhouse, Olney Theatre Center (OTC) now produces year-round world and American premieres of plays and musicals, and reimaginings of familiar titles; presents the work of leading companies; tours nationally and locally; teaches students of all ages; and mentors the next generation of theatremakers. For more than 8 decades, OTC has brought impactful theater performance and education to our community, helping to grow the vibrancy and vitality of our home in central Maryland. Over the years, some of the biggest names in theater and film have appeared on our stages, including Tallulah Bankhead, Helen Hayes, Jessica Tandy, Hume Cronyn, Bob Fosse, Phillip Bosco, Eve Arden, Eva Gabor, Burl Ives, Jose Ferrer, Carol Channing, Olivia d'Havilland, Tony Randall, Paulette Goddard, Dorothy and Lillian Gish, Jane Seymour, Anne Revere, Frances Sternhagen, Arthur Treacher, James Broderick, Olympia Dukakis, Sir Ian McKellen, Marica Gay Harden, John Colicos, Uzo Aduba, Alan Cumming, Cheyenne Jackson, Robin de Jesus, Wilson Jermaine Heredia, among many, many others. Olney Theatre is now the cultural anchor of a rapidly changing region and serves one of the most diverse, best educated, and wealthiest counties in the country. Situated on the unceded land of the Picataway-Conoy people, the Olney area was once a rural farming community with a unique Quaker heritage. Now the area is occupied by every kind of family that makes up 21st Century America, along with major corporations, shopping districts, civic associations, non profit organizations and a diverse collection of houses of worship. Montgomery County's 1 million residents play a dynamic role in the Baltimore-Washington corridor, and is a driving force behind the region's creative economy. As of September 2021, Olney Theatre Center employed 40 full time staff, 20 part-time positions, 26 early career apprentices and players, and more than 400 professional artists. The Theatre intends to continue expanding to better meet the needs of our community.

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