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Tricks and treats: 25 tempting Halloween things to do in Chicago

It's the most wonderful time of the year when the Chicago area brings on its spookiest entertainment and thrills for Halloween. From family-friendly pumpkin patches to ghastly haunted houses and everything in between, here are the some of the must-do events of the season:

“That’s Weird, Grandma: Goes Trick or Treating”/Neo-Futurist Theatre: Oct. 13-Nov. 3. Chicago elementary school students conjure up “stories about ghosts, orphans and silly horrors” in this avant-garde theater setting. All ages tickets: \$10-20.

www.barrelofmonkeys.org



Night Of 1,000 Jack-O-Lanterns/Chicago Botanic Garden: Oct. 16-20 and 23-27. Stroll the Garden’s pathways to see more than 1,000 hand-carved gourds of all crazy shapes and sizes (up to 150 pounds!) with creative designs. Adults: \$14-16; children (3-12): \$11-13 in advance. www.chicagobotanic.org

The Nightmare Before Halloween Tim Burton Experience/Headquarters

Beercade: Oct. 17-Nov. 3. The arcade bar hosts a visual retrospective of the filmmaker’s greatest works with picture-perfect backdrops from “Edward Scissorhands,” “Beetlejuice” and more along with specialty drinks and boozy candy apples. Free to attend; food, drinks and games extra. www.hqrivernorth.com

