HALLOWEEN-HINTS Tips For A Frighteningly Good Halloween

(NAPSA)—Halloween's popularity has become almost scary. Over the last few decades, it has morphed into a monthlong celebration of all things spooky. This is evidenced by the estimated \$5 billion that consumers spend annually on costumes, decorations and festivities.

Luckily, you don't have to break the bank to have a frighteningly good time this Halloween. With a little bit of planning, you can scare up entertainment options that are convenient, safe and economical.

For instance, during the month of October, one of the best bangs for your buck is the ghoulishly great variety of seasonal On Demand programming available from your cable operator.

Everything you need for your frightfest—from the hottest trends in decorating to quick tips on unique pumpkin carving—is available from the safety of your own home, when and where you want it, with a few clicks of your remote control.

Here are seven "spooktacular" suggestions:

1. Designer Digs—If you're dying to turn your crypt into the coolest haunt on the street, heist tips from design experts who compete to create the best Halloween block party with themes such as the Haunted Mansion, kidfriendly Hansel and Gretel and elegant Sleepy Hollow.

2. Tempting Treats—Keep festivities on the sweet side with "how-to" lessons from the evil geniuses of the kitchen who whip up such delicacies as eyeball minicakes and gross-out tactile treats.

3. Smashing Pumpkins—Get video quick tips on edgy pumpkin carving and pumpkin art.



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4. Terrifying Travel—Shackled to home? Hitch a ride and visit some of America's most terrifying destinations.

5. Haunted Hunts—Need to do a little soul searching? Travel with the experts as they track down ghosts—before they spook the daylight out of you.

6. Macabre Marathons—Can't resist dark basements? Vampires, monsters and werewolves (oh, my!) are easy to find (no flashlight required) in horrifying programming categories, including classic creepy movies, modern horror and campy cult favorites. Or satisfy your appetite for zombies and beasts with new original shows.

7. Hair-Raising Whodunits—Invite some of your favorite fiends over and put your grey matter to work solving favorite new and classic capers.

For more on fall and Halloween-themed how-to's and favorite fright flicks, check out www.thisiscable.com.