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Laurel Hill Cemetery Presents Cinema in the Cemetery Hosted with the Philadelphia Film Society

*Join Laurel Hill and PFS this Summer for Screenings of
EDWARD SCISSORHANDS and THE CRAFT!*

Philadelphia, PA, May 2018 – Laurel Hill Cemetery and The **Philadelphia Film Society (PFS)** are excited to announce the line up for the cemetery’s annual summertime movie series, Cinema in the Cemetery. Pack a picnic, gather some friends or a date, and enjoy an evening under the stars. As the sun sets over Laurel Hill’s historic tombs the grainy joys of the film experience will be brought to life. June’s feature film will be the Tim Burton classic, ***Edward Scissorhands***. July’s feature film will be ‘90s cult classic, ***The Craft***.

“Laurel Hill maintains many identities- a National Historic Landmark, park, arboretum, sculpture garden, and of course the final resting place for countless notables and ordinary citizens who shaped our nation. Laurel Hill’s heyday was in the mid-19th Century before it fell into a state of disrepair, but we have been working over the last several decades to bring the cemetery back to its former glory through innovative programming and creative marketing. Today, we hold over 100 tours and programs annually that bring in much needed funds and new audiences to our site,” states **Emma Stern, Director of Programs at Laurel Hill**. “Our first movie night was held on Friday the 13th in 2012 and attracted a crowd of 1,000 people—the largest number of visitors at once in over 100 years! Cinema in the Cemetery has become a favorite staple of our programming and offers just one more unique way for visitors to experience Laurel Hill.”

“The Philadelphia Film Society is very excited to be working with Laurel Hill Cemetery again this year,” states **Travis Trew, Programming Associate at the Philadelphia Film Society**. “We love taking advantage of the beautiful summer weather to host outdoor screenings, and couldn’t imagine a more perfect setting for taking in spooky, atmospheric films than Laurel Hill.”

Below you will find more information about the films:

EDWARD SCISSORHANDS

Tim Burton | USA | 1990 | 105 MIN

Friday, June 8 | 8:00 PM | Laurel Hill Cemetery

Tickets: <https://thelaurelhillcemetery.org/events/cinema-in-the-cemetery>

The cemetery gates open at 7:00 PM

From the mind of Tim Burton, this whimsical classic follows its titular, blade-handed hero (Johnny Depp) as he leaves behind his lonely castle and moves in with a kindly Avon lady (Dianne Wiest) and her family. Though initially out of place in their sunny, picture-perfect suburb, Edward manages to win over his new neighbors by creating marvelous, sculpted creations out of everything from topiaries to poodles.

THE CRAFT

Andrew Fleming | USA | 1996 | 105 MIN

Friday, July 13 | 8:00 PM | Laurel Hill Cemetery

Tickets: <https://thelaurehillcemetery.org/events/cinema-in-the-cemetery-presented-with-philadelphia-film-society>

The cemetery gates open at 7:00 PM

Come out early to pick up coven essentials at the Witch Market, which will be open from 7:00 PM to right before the screening. More details regarding vendors will be released soon!

Soon after arriving at a new school, Sarah (Robin Tunney) falls in with a trio of young witches, presided over by bratty, vengeful Nancy (Fairuza Balk). The newly-formed coven are soon able to harness tremendous supernatural abilities. But will the girls be tempted to do more harm than good with these newfound powers? Full of magic, catty one-liners, and 90s goth fashion, this outrageous cult favorite will have viewers spellbound.

Tickets | \$12 General Admission

Purchasing advance tickets is suggested. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online.

For more information, please visit: thelaurehillcemetery.com

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ABOUT LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

Laurel Hill is America's first National Historic Landmark Cemetery, boasting art, architecture, nature and stunning river views. This final resting place of numerous historic notables is open daily with free admission for self-guided tours or recreation. Joggers, dog walkers, bicyclists and photographers are welcome. Unique public tours and events are offered throughout the year, with all proceeds benefitting the preservation and educational mission of Laurel Hill Cemetery. For more information, visit thelaurehillcemetery.org

ABOUT PHILADELPHIA FILM SOCIETY

Philadelphia Film Society (PFS) creates opportunities for diverse communities to experience film through initiatives that inspire, educate, challenge and entertain. It is committed to presenting film as a powerful medium for artistic expression, transformative force and catalyst for strengthening community. As the producer of the Philadelphia Film Festival and creative force behind the Prince and Roxy Theaters, it raises awareness of film as an important art form in Philadelphia. PFS is a nonprofit organization that is the region's foremost resource for film presentation and education, serving as a vital member of the arts and culture community. For more information, visit filmadelphia.org.