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DENNIS JAMES HOSTS HALLOWEEN SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

WHAT: Dennis James Hosts Halloween

WHEN: Saturday, October 28, 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: IU Auditorium

TICKETS: \$7–\$20 for IU Bloomington students with a valid student ID or children and \$13–\$25 for the general public, on sale now. Individual tickets may be purchased online at IUauditorium.com, in person at the IU Auditorium Box Office, as well as through Ticketmaster.com or charge by phone at (800) 745-3000. The IU Auditorium Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – World-renowned cinematic organist Dennis James turns IU Auditorium into a Halloween haunt for the 49th annual Dennis James Hosts Halloween Friday, October 28 at 7:30 p.m.

The family-friendly event gives audiences the chance to see classic silent films come to life with live accompaniment by James on the Auditorium's own 4,543 pipe organ. This year, James sets his signature spooky sounds to the 1925 silent film *The Monster*.

An IU Jacobs School of Music alumnus, James is considered the current master of the IU Auditorium organ. James began playing accompaniment for silent films in 1964, and has since played a pivotal role in the international revival of silent films presented with period-authentic live music.

This year's classic silent film, *The Monster*, features the "Man of a Thousand Faces" Lon Chaney, who has previously appeared on the IU Auditorium screen in the titular roles of silent films *The Phantom of the Opera* and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. Chaney delivers another iconic performance in this film, considered one of the first in the mad scientist movie genre.

Since his first performance at IU Auditorium on Halloween of 1969, Dennis James has become a local celebrity. He treats audiences with his musical mastery year after year in this one-of-a-kind Halloween event.

"Each year when Halloween rolls around, we at IU Auditorium know how we're going to get into the spirit: with Dennis James," Executive Director of IU Auditorium Doug Booher said. "His playfully spooky performance really resonates with audiences of all ages. We're lucky to bring Dennis back to the Auditorium with what is certainly a Bloomington tradition."

For more information on Dennis James Hosts Halloween and the rest of the 2017–2018 season, visit IUauditorium.com. The website features video clips and a selection of songs from this season's performances, in addition to a direct link to the IU Auditorium Facebook and Twitter pages, whose members receive exclusive benefits throughout the year.

Dennis James Hosts Halloween at IU Auditorium is presented in partnership with Lennie's and Campus Tutoring Service. IU Auditorium's 2017–2018 season is presented by B97, Curry Auto

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