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#### **WITCHES AND GHOSTS TAKE OVER THE HILL HOUSE THIS HALLOWEEN**

The National Trust for Scotland and The Walking Theatre Company have come together to create a fun family experience at The Hill House. Expect a performance packed with magic, witches and ghosts.

The Hill House is a uniquely beautiful building – a Mackintosh masterpiece, showcasing the very best and most glamorous of Art Nouveau and the ‘Glasgow Style’. For the last three years, the house has been shielded in a silvery chainmail box to protect it from the Scottish weather.

The Really Wicked School of Magic will bring this unique building to life in a spooktacular new way. Suitable for the whole family, The Walking Theatre Company, has designed a Halloween performance full of hair-raising surprises.

The performance will create a ghostly performance through the Hill House – but the building may also have a real spectre in residence. Originally owned by the Blackie family, the Hill House is rumoured to be haunted by head of the family, Walter Blackie. Visitors have reported seeing Walter, wearing a long cloak in the dressing room and main bedroom. They’ve also caught a whiff of his distinctive pipe smoke hanging in the air. So, guests may see a real ghost as well as the performers!

Tickets for the fun and ghostly performances on Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 October are available from the National Trust for Scotland’s website - [www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/the-hill-house](http://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/the-hill-house) .

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**IMAGES:** <https://flic.kr/s/aHskejwiZ>

**Editor’s Notes:**

About National Trust for Scotland The National Trust for Scotland is the conservation charity that over 90 years has saved, maintained and shared many of the country's most loved places, rich with history, heritage, nature and culture. The charity celebrates Scotland's heritage and with more than 100 places in its care, there's a place for everyone to love.

The National Trust for Scotland relies on the support of its members and donors to carry out its important work of caring for the natural and built heritage that people from Scotland and across the world all love, ensuring its future for everyone to enjoy.

Support the National Trust for Scotland and help them protect the places we all love. Become a member at [www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk).

### **About the Walking Theatre Company**

The Walking Theatre Company is a Social Enterprise who produce critically acclaimed interactive theatre across the UK, and beyond! Our unique brand of interactive 'walking' theatre literally takes our audiences on a journey, both physically and creatively, walking through any environment imaginable. Our skilled team of professional actors gently draw audiences of all ages into the drama, making a fun, interactive spontaneous event! <http://newer.thewalkingtheatrecompany.com/home/>