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MEDIA ALERT

The Greater Remington Improvement Association in partnership with Black Cherry Puppet Theater announces: HAUNTINGDON AVENUE 2010 Halloween Block Party

The Greater Remington Improvement Association (GRIA) in partnership with Black Cherry Puppet Theater announces the 3rd annual, **family-friendly** Halloween block party **HAUNTINGDON AVENUE on Sunday October 31st 2010 from 6-8pm**

HAUNTINGDON AVENUE 2010 is a one-day community block party created by Remington residents for the community and the city of Baltimore to celebrate Halloween in a fun and safe environment. It is held on the **2900 block of Huntingdon Ave in the Remington community from 6:00 – 8:00pm.**

Starting in 2008, the **Greater Remington Improvement Association (GRIA)** along with over 50 Remington residents, the local art gallery Open Space, and several Remington businesses helped create this exciting annual Halloween event. The block party drew over 150 people from within the neighborhood and around Baltimore City to engage in games, interactive activities, trick-or-treating and Halloween fun. This year GRIA is partnering with Black Cherry Puppet Theatre to bring the art of puppetry to this already interactive event.

See Hauntingdon!

HAUNTINGDON AVENUE 2010 will brighten up the 2900 block of Huntingdon Avenue with a spooky festive spectacle featuring artwork and decorations made by Remington youth created in the community run *Porch Art* weekly workshops. It will also feature décor made by adult residents that result from weekly community craft gatherings.

Experience Hauntingdon!

Huntingdon Avenue residents are transforming their porches into interactive scary sets where you will be able to get your face painted, play a game, record a ghost story, or get your photo taken in costume! New additions this year include a puppet show porch brought to you from the guidance of Black Cherry Puppet Theater, walking street puppets, Hula Hoop master Spilly, stilt walking from Paco Fish and performances by local musicians Ricky and Lennon La Ricci.

Learn more and be a part of Hauntingdon 2010:

Visit www.griaonline.org the GRIA website for more info and directions.

GRIA is an independent, resident-based group that provides an open forum for the development and discussion of Remington community issues and neighborhood improvement initiatives.

GRIA aims to facilitate resident-led projects, promote intergenerational collaboration, provide support, resources, and information to neighbors, and build partnerships to strengthen

Remington. Through these efforts, GRIA hopes to make Remington a safer, greener, more vibrant and socially connected community within Baltimore.

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