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FRIDAY NIGHT FRIGHTS AT THE SUFFOLK CENTER

SUFFOLK, VA (September 30, 2020): Suffolk Tourism, in partnership with the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts, is pleased to present the Second Annual Friday Night Frights Classic Horror Film Series. *Carrie* will return to the big screen on Friday, October 16; *Psycho* is slated for Friday, October 23; and *Poltergeist* will conclude the series on Friday, October 30. All films will be shown in The Birdsong Theater on the second floor of the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts beginning at 8 p.m. on scheduled dates. Tickets are \$3 and may be purchased at SuffolkCenter.org /movies-on-the-big-screen. These frightful cinematic classics are rated R; no children under 17 will be admitted without a parent or guardian. Concessions and a cash bar available. Please note that only 100 seats may be reserved in order to allow for social distancing in the 530-seat Birdsong Theater. The Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts is located in the heart of Downtown Historic Suffolk at 110 West Finney Avenue and may be reached at 757.923.0003.

Carrie, the 1976 movie directed by Brian De Palma, became a critical and commercial success and is often listed as one of the greatest horror movies ever made. Carrie White is a shy and unpopular 16-year-old, who lives with her fanatically religious and abusive mother, and is often ostracized by her peers. Suddenly, she is invited to the high school senior prom by popular Tommy Ross. At first, she believes her life is on the up with help from Tommy, but when the happiest moment of her life is ruined

by bullies who play a cruel and humiliating prank on her, Carrie unleashes a horrific revenge, using her newly discovered telekinetic powers. The cast includes Sissy Spacek, Piper Laurie, John Travolta, Amy Irving, and Betty Buckley. This film has a running time of 98 minutes.

The psychological horror film, *Psycho*, is considered one of Alfred Hitchcock's best films and is praised as a major work of cinematic art by international critics and scholars. Phoenix secretary Marion Crane is on the run after embezzling \$40,000 from her employer's client. Scared and alone, she checks into a remote motel run by Norman Bates. Their fates connect as this terrified young man, under the domination of his seemingly unbalanced mother, changes her life forever. The cast includes Anthony Perkins, Janet Leigh, Vera Miles, John Gavin, and Martin Balsam. This film has a running time of 109 minutes.

The supernatural horror film, *Poltergeist*, is recognized as a classic within the horror genre and has gained a cult following. A young family is visited by ghosts in their home. At first, the ghosts appear friendly, moving objects around the house to the amusement of everyone. But then they turn nasty and start to terrorize the family, culminating in the kidnapping of the youngest daughter, Carol Anne. Paranormal experts must try to free her from the demonic ghosts and get her safely back to her family. The cast includes Craig T. Nelson, JoBeth Williams, Dominique Dunne, Oliver Robins, Heather O'Rourke, and Zelda Rubenstein. This film has a running time of 114 minutes.

For questions, please contact the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757-514-4130 or log onto www.VisitSuffolkVa.com for details. You may also call the Suffolk Center at 757-923-0003 or visit www.SuffolkCenter.org.