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***Phantom Fright Nights* return to Kennywood amusement park for 2009!**

West Mifflin, PA —Individuals in search of the preeminent haunted amusement park must travel a long distance to find one as chilling as Kennywood's [*Phantom Fright Nights!*](#)

Hauntworld Magazine, the "haunt" industry's leading trade magazine, named *Phantom Fright Nights* as the # 5 Amusement Park Halloween Event! *Phantom Fright Nights* opens Friday, Oct 2 and continues Friday and Saturday evenings through Oct 31. Hours are 7 PM to 1 AM. (A bonus night, Sunday, October 11, has hours of 7 PM to 11 PM.)

Hauntworld's Top 5 Amusement Park Halloween Events:

1. Universal Studios Horror Nights - Orlando, FL
2. Knott's Scary Farm - Los Angeles, CA
3. Tampa Busch Gardens - Tampa, FL
4. Universal Studios Horror Nights - Hollywood, CA
5. ***Phantom Fright Nights - Kennywood Amusement Park - Pittsburgh, PA***

"We put an amazing amount of work into transforming the traditional Kennywood setting to a very sinister atmosphere full of surprises and fear," explains Marie Ruby, Director of Ride Operations and the mastermind behind *Phantom Fright Nights*. "From a dense fog blanketing the park to changing the colors of light bulbs on every ride and adding new elements to the haunts every year, the attention to detail keeps our guests coming back for more every year."

A visit to Kennywood shows the most skeptical guest why you'd have to travel to Florida or California to find an amusement park Halloween event that even comes close to being as terrifying as Phantom Fright Nights!

The first clue of transformation begins as one approaches the parking lot. Happy lights and laughter give way to eerie music and menacing figures lurking around every turn. The Phantom himself guards the front gate! Once safely through the creepier-than-ever tunnel, visitors may notice that traditional Kennywood is gone and terror has taken over.

Traveling down the fog-filled midway, guests are soon seduced into any of ten haunted houses and midways including *Villa of the Vampires*, *Kennyville Cemetery*, *Mortem Manor* and *Voodoo Bayou*, just to name a few. The addition of thrill rides, roller coasters and ghoulishly delicious food makes for a Kennywood experience like no other.

***Phantom Fright Nights* take place every Friday and Saturday night from October 2 through October 31 from 7 PM to 1 AM**, plus a bonus nights: **Sunday, October 11 from 7 PM to 11 PM**. Tickets are \$24.99 at the gate or \$21.99 at participating Giant Eagle locations. Group Rates are also available; call 412.464.9931 to make a reservation. See www.kennywood.com for further details.

No food or beverages may be brought into the park during *Phantom Fright Nights*. Halloween masks, make-up, or costumes are not permitted. *Phantom Fright Nights* is not recommended for children under 13 years of age. For further information call 412.461.0500 or visit www.phantomfrightnights.com.

About Hauntworld Magazine: Hauntworld Magazine (<http://www.hauntworld.com>) is the premier haunted attraction magazine in the industry, providing insider access into the world of haunted attractions to nearly four million people.

About Kennywood: Kennywood, a traditional family amusement park with a rich history spanning more than is part of Palace Entertainment. Palace Entertainment hosts over 14 million visitors annually at 38 locations with seven theme parks, ten waterparks and 21 family entertainment centers and is the largest operator of waterparks and family entertainment centers in the nation. For more information, visit www.palaceentertainment.com.

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