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## **Brian Clowdus brings Immersive *Edgar Allan Poe Experience* Back to The Wren's Nest**

**Back by popular demand, Poe will haunt the Wren's Nest once more!**

Ladies and gentlemen, *The Edgar Allan Poe Experience* is back! After a sold-out 2018 run, Poe returns to one of Atlanta's most historic homes for a haunting event you won't want to miss. Join us this October for an experiential journey into the mind of one of the most prolific writers of the 19th century, the grandfather of the thriller, Edgar Allan Poe. Brian Clowdus Experiences, in partnership with The Wren's Nest, has created and produced an immersive theatrical event based on Poe's work. Venture through The Wren's Nest to become a part of Edgar Allan Poe's four most famous and thrilling tales. You'll experience a maddening visit from the Raven in the night and hear the harrowing story of the Tell Tale Heart, become a witness to The Fall of the House of Usher and attend a haunted dinner party hosted by a most mysterious Red Masked presence. Come and experience each of these stories as they rise to life before your very eyes as you are enveloped by the mind of one of America's most legendary writers in his very last days. With some members of the original cast returning and some new talent joining in on the haunt, you won't want to miss this deliciously frightening experience. Last year, *Poe* became an instant sold-out Halloween hit! Get your tickets while they last for Atlanta's newest October tradition.

"I'm over the moon to be bringing *Poe* back to the INCREDIBLE environment of The Wren's Nest. I'm excited to see what year two has in store with a partially new cast!" says creator Brian Clowdus. "Each room is transformed into one of the most iconic stories from Poe as the audience follows him through the last hour of his life confronting each character. Be prepared to be chilled to the bone as you control your own journey through the house... enjoy music in the lounge with a Poe cocktail, dance with The Raven in the study or attend a dinner party in the dining room with the Mysterious masked man. But don't get lost in the mind of Poe... I hear it's crazy when you do!"

"We at the Wren's Nest are pleased to be hosting the Poe Experience for a second year," says Jim Auchmutey, member of the Wren's Nest board. "It was quite a sight to see 'Mr. Poe' roaming the halls of our historic house museum last Halloween season. We'd like to think that Joel Chandler

Harris, who lived at the Wren's Nest when he became famous for writing the Brer Rabbit stories, would approve. After all, we found a beautifully illustrated volume of 'The Raven' in his library."

## **Brian Clowdus Presents**

***The Edgar Allan Poe EXPERIENCE at The Wren's Nest***

**October 9th-November 3rd, Wed-Sun at 8pm, Late Night Shows on Fridays & Saturdays at 10pm**

**For tickets visit: [www.wrensnest.org](http://www.wrensnest.org)**

Director & Producer- **Brian Clowdus**, Remount Director - **Brian Jordan**, Original Text- **Derek Dixon**, Light & Sound Designer- **Maranda Debusk**, Costume Designer - **Emmie Phelps Thompson**

**STARRING: Michael Fortino** as Edgar Allan Poe, **Imani Joseph** as The Raven, **Robert Lee Hindsman** as Tell-Tale Heart and The Fall of The House of Usher/ Doctor, **Shannon McCarren** as The Fall of The House of Usher/ Madeline Usher, **Austin Davis** as The Red Masque of Death

### **About Brian Clowdus:**

Brian Clowdus has been breaking boundaries in the theatre industry since the offset of his career, making a national name for himself by producing shows that do so much more than just tell a story. They immerse audiences for experiences in the most unique site-specific location that are all consuming, mesmerizing, and compelling. He's bringing his vision to the wider world, offering to consult and create custom productions for businesses, communities, and events.

Brian Clowdus is the CEO of Brian Clowdus Experiences, which is taking his environmental work all across the country, expanding at an unprecedented rate. Brian is also the founder & Executive/Artistic Director of Serenbe Playhouse, the nation's premiere outdoor site-specific theatre company which was recently named One of the Top 20 Theatres in the Nation by Playbill. He has performed and directed in Tokyo, London, Canada, Central and South America, The Caribbean, NYC, LA, and in almost every other major city in the United States. Brian was named the **Top Artistic Director in Atlanta** and one of the **Top 20 Atlantans to Watch** by *Creative Loafing*, one of the **Top 15 Atlantans under 40** by *Atlanta Homes and Lifestyles Magazine*, one of the **Top 40 Under 40** by *Georgia Trend*, one of **The Most Eligible Bachelors in Atlanta** by *Jezebel Magazine*, one of the **Most Influential Atlantans In The Entertainment Industry** by *Men's Book Atlanta*, and most recently one of **Atlanta's 500 Most Powerful Leaders** by Atlanta Magazine.

### **About The Wren's Nest :**

The Wren's Nest is Atlanta's oldest house museum, home to Joel Chandler Harris, the *Atlanta Constitution* journalist who created the Uncle Remus stories, based on the Brer Rabbit folktales. The museum is open to the public 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, with group tours available throughout the week. Storytelling takes place each Saturday at 1 p.m., and is included in museum admission. To stay up to date visit [www.wrensnest.org](http://www.wrensnest.org), Facebook: thewrensnest, Twitter: @thewrensnest, and Instagram: wrensnestatl.