

Press Release

Melodrama & Halloween Olio Open Oct. 2 at the Butte Theater

The traditional classic melodrama, a long time Cripple Creek favorite outing, and special Halloween themed Olio, will open its doors for the fall season Oct. 2.

The Lost Soul of Cripple Creek, followed by a 45- to 50-minute Halloween Olio, will bring a hauntingly fun twist to the Butte Theater stage. Presented by Thin Air Theater Company (TATC), this year's melodrama will be geared toward the Halloween season and will run through Halloween night, Oct. 31.

The Lost Soul of Cripple Creek is a melodrama adapted from the 1867 Victorian melodrama *Lost in London* by Watts Phillips.

This original adaptation for the Butte stage by TATC producer Mickey Burdick tells the story of a poor Cripple Creek miner who journeys to Denver to reclaim his wife and to have his vengeance on the villain who stole her. It is a thrilling story of ghosts, honor, revenge, and enduring love even from beyond the grave.

Directed by Mel Moser, the show will star summer melodrama actors and actresses as well as Burdick and Morgan Gengo, both well known for former roles on the Butte stage.

A Halloween Olio filled with lots of music and fun will follow the show. This year the Olio will be a special trick or treat. On stage will appear those ghosts and goblins that we were afraid of or still are afraid of hiding under our beds, in our closets, or peaking at us through our windows – they all come to life in this year's Halloween Olio! Longer than usual, the Olio will feature song and comedy with a spooky twist.

If you dare, meet the *Lost Soul* cast and crew and haunting spirits after the opening night 7 p.m. show and enjoy snacks and champagne.

The melodrama will show Thursdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays at 1 and 7 p.m. Tickets are: Adult \$15.75; Senior \$13.75; Children \$9.75; Groups of 20+ \$12.75 each.

Seats for opening night and the meet the cast and crew event are first-come-first-serve so make your ticket reservations early.

Season and individual show tickets can be purchased through the secure online box office at ButteOperaHouse.com or 719-689-3247.