

LEEANNA VAMP

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# WICKED WAYS

HISTORY IS HAUNTED




## SERIES DESCRIPTION

Every ghost has its story.

It is a presumption given prevailing popular fiction that the souls of those that have passed haunt the locations where they have died, or where their remains are interned, yet there exist few reports of graveyards being haunted, the same with hospitals. The majority of hauntings, especially the most popular, occur in locations of significance, perhaps not relevant to you or me, but consequential to the individual. When we leave impressions upon people and places, that imprint may exist beyond in metaphysical, lingering well after we have forgotten those whom passed. Just as we manifest the souls of the departed in our memories, so do locations manifest memories in the form of hauntings.

This unscripted factual series explores the history behind a haunted location rather than focus on efforts to capture modern-day evidence. Hosted by LeeAnna Vamp & Mark Meer, *WICKED WAYS* is an irreverent, entertaining, and humorous window into the past as it exposes the truth behind a haunting, about the history of a location and those potentially lingering in the shadows.

## HOSTS



**LEEANNA VAMP**, often considered the Vampiress of our time, has starred in various television projects, including *Ghosted*, *Pool Party Massacre*, *Con Man*, and *SyFy's Cosplay Melee*. She has been a regular on the carpet correspondent for AMC's *The Walking Dead* premiere each year. LeeAnna also hosts the *Let's Get Spooky* podcast and can often be seen at comic and horror conventions as one of the most beloved Cosplay superstar guests today.

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**MARK MEER** is a Canadian actor, writer, and improviser known internationally for many voice roles, most notably as Commander Shephard in the *Mass Effect* trilogy. Meer is a core member of the Canadian award-winning live improvised soap opera *Die-Nasty* and is a member of *Rapid-Fire Theatre*. He is a performer and writer on *CBC Radio's The Irrelevant Show* and *APTN's Caution: May Contain Nuts* and is a co-creator, writer, and star of *Super Channel's Tiny Plastic Men*.

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A man with dark hair, wearing a black leather jacket over a dark polo shirt and dark jeans, sits on a weathered log in a cemetery. He is looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. The background is filled with tall evergreen trees and several wooden headstones of various shapes and sizes, some with inscriptions. The scene is lit with natural daylight, creating a somber and atmospheric mood.

## PILOT

### FLORENCE WILSON, BARKERVILLE

Set within the historical town of Barkerville, British Columbia, the first episode details the life of Florence Wilson, whose spirit, rumor has it, still haunts the old playhouse after more than a century. Florence was a woman of many secrets, but with the help of local historians, and with a flair for the dramatics, *Wicked Ways* hopes to reveal the truth of this enigmatic figure, from her arrival in Canada from Russia, to her passage across the Cariboo gold rush, to her establishing the first theatre and library of Barkerville against the increasing pressures of a chauvinistic and narrow-minded population.



## FUTURE EPISODES

### **THE BLACK DONNELLYS - LUCAN BIDDULPH, ONTARIO**

The Black Donnellys were an Irish family who emigrated to Ontario. Five of the family were murdered by an armed mob in February 1880, and their farm was burned down, the culmination of long-standing conflict between the family and other residents. No one was convicted of these murders, despite two trials. Today, there are still reports of unexplained phenomena inside the Donnellys' old barn.

### **OLDE ANGEL INN - NIAGARA ON THE LAKE, ONTARIO**

Considered one of the most haunted locations in Canada, the Olde Angel Inn is rumored to be the residence of Captain Colin Swazye, who visited the pub during the war of 1812 and eventually went into hiding in its basement in order to be closer to local romantic interest, refused orders from British command to abandon his post. He was ultimately discovered in an empty barrel by rival American soldiers and murdered. To this day, staff and visitors report occurrences within the inn.

### **THE DEANE HOUSE - CALGARY, ALBERTA**

Initially owned by Captain Richard Deane, the Deane House, built-in 1906, is believed to have picked up a few lingering unwelcome guests since the 1970s. The house has been known to incite terror in its visitors with reports of full apparitions, connected to the stabbing of Mrs. Umperville and the suicide death of her husband. It is thought this event created a vortex in which numerous additional hauntings have congregated, resulting in one of the creepiest locations in Canada.

### **SKELETON PARK - KINGSTON, ONTARIO**

Of course, a place called Skeleton Park would be haunted. In actuality, it is McBurney Park, adopting its grim nickname from its macabre history. Under the playground, pools, and basketball courts sits a massive graveyard with over ten thousand lost and forgotten residents. After being neglected for decades, the rundown cemetery was converted into a common ground. Shockingly the only bodies moved were those paid by the families of those interred, leaving many other remains in place. Bones continue to be discovered to this day, and rarely does excavation occur without some ghastly discovery. McBurney Park may not hold just one story but hundreds, but the real legend maybe the park itself.

### **CORNWALL JAIL - CORNWALL, ONTARIO**

The "gaol" as it was called stood as a shining example of the failure of the justice system in the 1800s. Within the cramped and overpopulated cells were tossed not only murderers and other criminals but also the mentally disabled of any gender or age. It was a repository of everything the city wanted to ignore and forget, but these memories refused to fade. Opened in 1834, the Old Cornwall jail operated for more than a hundred years. Before its use as a penitentiary, the location served as an army bunker during the war of 1812 until burning down in 1826, along with numerous soldiers and livestock trapped within. Only recently, the jail was converted into a museum, allowing courageous souls the opportunity to test their resolve.

## FUTURE EPISODES

### FAIRMONT BANFF SPRINGS HOTEL - BANFF, ALBERTA

Banff Springs Hotel may be one of Canada's most picturesque hotels, but it's also rumored to be one of the most haunted. Built in 1888 by the Canadian Pacific Railway, this hotel is the site of numerous terrifying ghost sightings, including a murdered family in room 873, a bride who died falling down the hotel's marble staircase, and a retired head bellman named Sam McAuley who continues to haunt the hotel dressed in full uniform.

### THE DOLL'S HOUSE GALLERY - NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO

The Doll's House, built in 1835, was said to have housed a tunnel which received slaves escaping from the United States into Niagara Falls, Canada. In one unfortunate story, one of the younger female slaves drowned in a well deep below the Doll's House, and now various statues animate by themselves while a woman carrying a bundle of lilacs occasionally manifests in the main stairwell.

### BELL ISLAND - NEWFOUNDLAND

This thirty-four square kilometer island has been called the most haunted island in North America, a place the locals claim where the dead mingle openly with the living. Most of the activity is centered around the town of Wabana, once a bustling community that hit its peak before the second world war. The local mine was closed in 1966, with over 100 fatalities reported over the preceding decades. This would have been enough to earn a haunting for two, but Bell Island was patrolled by also German U-Boats that sunk cargo vessels off the coast of the island.

### THE FORTRESS OF LOUISBURG - NOVA SCOTIA

The fortress, a national historic site of Canada, through its history suffered two sieges, one in 1745 during the War of the Austrian Succession, the second in 1757, which predated the Seven Year's War. In 1961, a restoration began, with many reports since of various hauntings across the region. Now a bustling tourist attraction, people have reported numerous strange occurrences, including individuals assumed to be among the tour actors, only for them to vanish moments later.

### FIVE FISHERMEN RESTAURANT - HALIFAX

The staff of this restaurant accept the strange daily occurrences as matter of fact. Before its current purpose, the building operated as a funeral home, not creepy at all. Despite this, most funeral homes don't appear haunted...but most funeral homes didn't receive hundreds of bodies in 1912 from the wreck of the Titanic. They also received bodies from the Halifax Explosion, the largest non-nuclear man-man explosion of all time.



## CREATIVE TEAM

**JAMES DOUGLAS** is an actor and producer, known for *The Doctor's Case* (2018), *Wicked Ways with Vamp and Wilds to Riches* (2013). James has served as both road manager and stage manager for Charles Ross's international mega-hit *One-Man Lord of the Rings* and *One-Man Star Wars*. James has produced several short films alongside filmmakers Chad Magnant, Michael Kroetsch, and Norm Coyne, including *Defenseless*, *Pigboy*, *Through Blood Like Ice*, and *Stalking*. In 2017 James wrote, produced, and directed his first feature film, *The Doctor's Case*, based on a Sherlock Holmes story written by Stephen King, which has won ten awards at various international film festivals. The film was listed as the 5th Best adaptation of a King story according to IMDB.

**NORM COYNE** has produced a number of short films, including *Defenseless*, *PigBoy*, *Final Breath*, & *The Doctor's Case*. He is a founding partner of the production company *Barker Street Cinema* with long-time collaborator James Douglas. In 2014, he was a grant recipient of the Public Records program through which he produced and directed the music video for "Come Down" by Jer Breaks. This was followed by grant awarded for the short thriller "Final Breath."

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