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## Christmas Spirits Brought to Life in the Historic West Bottoms Business District this First Friday Warehouse Weekend

**KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, December 2, 2015** –A different kind of spirit will be making its way through the West Bottoms this First Friday Warehouse Weekend, starting December 4 at 9 a.m. Full Moon Production leadership, Monty Summers and Amber Arnett-Bequeaith, wrapped up their 43<sup>rd</sup> Halloween season in November and redirected their production expertise and resources to immerse the West Bottoms into the traditions of Christmas.

The West Bottoms draws more than 20,000 people on the typical First Friday Weekend, as shoppers seek unique gifts and finds at the 30-plus stores that collectively hold the title of the largest indoor, year-round antique and vintage district in the country. However, Full Moon Production expects even larger crowds with the launch of the Christmas themed “Somewhere in Time” attractions within the “original Kansas City” West Bottoms historic business district this weekend. Visitors will revel in the old-fashion Christmas spirit with carolers strolling the cobblestone streets, a towering 35-foot vintage-beauty Christmas tree, glistening store fronts frozen in time from another era with their Christmas décor and cafés. The district will also host Santa and the Grinch photo attractions and a variety of unique food truck dining options.

While Full Moon Productions is known for its world-class haunted houses, it actually got its Christmas start with a “Christmas Memories” Holiday show 30 years ago at Independence Center that included a children’s enchanted castle. “It was some of the best memories of my childhood”, said Arnett-Bequeaith. “My family, especially, my mother loved creating something mystic for children that left lasting memories for my sister and I. The shows were amazing and really brought the Christmas spirit to life. It is ironic that this experience could be drawn on now to take another step toward the revitalization of the West Bottoms that has been our focus the last 20 years.”

“As people expect, we put the little Full Moon Productions flare into the fun. Santa will be on location Friday for pictures. Bah! Humbug! The Grinch will be replacing Santa on Saturday and Sunday! Now where can you get your picture with the Grinch in KC but The West Bottoms?,” Arnett-Bequeaith added. “We are excited to start new family holiday traditions and Christmas memories in the West Bottoms with a touch of history, clever use and original Kansas City love.”

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## ***SOMEWHERE IN TIME* SCHEDULE IN THE WEST BOTTOMS BUSINESS DISTRICT INCLUDES:**

### **First Friday Warehouse Weekend:**

FRIDAY, December 4, 2015

9AM-9PM | Off the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge, KCMO 64102

Enjoy the array of over 30 vintage and antique stores open for Holiday shopping, local cafés and food trucks. Christmas Carolers strolling throughout the day.

### **Pictures with Santa:**

FRIDAY, December 4, 2015

9AM-3PM | Corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and Hickory – 1401 W. 13<sup>th</sup> St., KCMO 64102

### **“Somewhere in Time” Lighting Ceremony:**

FRIDAY, December 4, 2015

5:30PM | Corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and Hickory – 1401 W. 13<sup>th</sup> St., KCMO 64102

Lighting of 35ft Christmas Tree

Lighting of the Historic Buildings in The West Bottoms

### **Warehouse Weekend:**

SATURDAY, December 5, 2015

9AM-6PM | Off the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge, KCMO 64102

Enjoy the array of over 30 vintage and antique stores open for Holiday shopping, local cafés and food trucks. Christmas Carolers roaming throughout the day.

### **Pictures with The Grinch:**

SATURDAY, December 6, 2015

9AM-4PM | Corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and Hickory – 1401 W. 13<sup>th</sup> St., KCMO 64102

### **Warehouse Weekend:**

SUNDAY, December 6, 2015

12PM-6PM | Off the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge, KCMO 64102

Enjoy the array of over 30 vintage and antique stores open for Holiday shopping, local cafés and food trucks. Christmas Carolers roaming throughout the day.

### **Pictures with The Grinch:**

SUNDAY, December 6, 2015

12PM-4PM | Corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and Hickory – 1401 W. 13<sup>th</sup> St., KCMO 64102

Please check for individual stores extended holiday hours and open times [www.westbottoms.com](http://www.westbottoms.com) or the stores Facebook pages.

### **About West Bottoms Business District Association:**

West Bottoms Business District Association [westbottoms.com](http://westbottoms.com) has members committed to directly support the vital work and objectives of the West Bottoms Business District Association and preserve the integrity of this historic area.

### **About Full Moon Productions:**

Full Moon Productions owns and operates world-class haunted house attractions since 1975 and has made the revitalization of the West Bottoms its mission the past 20 years including staging major events, such as Boulevardia, and created retail, photography, warehouse and event spaces. [www.fullmoonprod.com](http://www.fullmoonprod.com)