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# Kansas City haunted houses provide quality scares

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Question: I have heard that Kansas City is very big in haunted houses and even has one that's won awards. Can you please find out about that? Thank you very much.

-- Parker Dickens, Springfield

Answer: Indeed, Kansas City has a well-known and award-winning presence in the haunted house industry. Amber Arnett Bequeaith is the national spokesperson for the Haunted House Association and is vice president of Full Moon Productions in Kansas City.

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Full Moon owns and operates four haunted houses in Kansas City: The Beast (kcbeast.com), The Edge of Hell (edgeofhell.com), The Chambers of Edgar Allen Poe (chambersofpoe.com), and Macabre Cinema (macabrecinema.com).

The Edge of Hell has a Bible-based theme and was the first commercial haunted house in the country. It's known as the "granddaddy" of haunted houses, having opened in 1975.

The Beast began in 1991 and is an award-winning "open format" haunted house. It's also the largest one in America. It's time travel and medieval themes draw from the idea that "man is the beast" and his behavior is what we have to fear. Authentic antiques and much research on fears and phobias add to the chills.

The Chambers of Edgar Allen Poe is a "literary walk through Poe's work" of nightmarish tales of the fear of being buried alive and other such scary experiences.

The house that The Chambers is in is thought to actually be haunted and has also been featured on The Travel Channel and Discovery Channel.

Finally, the Macabre Cinema is the latest venture, and Bequeaith explains it's a nod to classic and contemporary horror movies. The setting is an old 1930s movie theater, and visitors get drawn into the

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