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Syracuse -- If you hear voices and see apparitions in **Oakwood Cemetery**



The Cornelius Tyler Longstreet mausoleum is a pyramid that was erected in 1875 in Oakwood Cemetery. Guided tours of the cemetery and visits with actors portraying some of the city's famous and infamous buried there are featured during "Oak Visions," organized by Onondaga

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(<http://www.oakwoodofsyracuse.com/Historical-Cemetery-Syracuse-NY.html>) later this month, fear not. **Onondaga Historical Association**

(<http://www.cnyhistory.org/index.html>) is giving guided tours of the Syracuse cemetery. "Oakwood Visions" will introduce visitors to the ghosts of Syracuse's past on June 14, 15, 28 and 29.

Actors will portray the ghostly presences of the cemetery's "residents." They include an "adventurous early settler, a Fayetteville diva, a member of retail royalty, an investor and innovator, and a tragic figure of scandal and lost love," according to an OHA release. Actors David Baber, Bryan Allen Jones, Brian Goldblatt, Marcia Mahaffy and Kevin Shumway re-create these personalities at grave's edge.

The tours will begin at 6 p.m. and continue every 15 minutes until 7:15 p.m., rain or shine. Tours will be 90 minutes. Reservations are recommended. Tickets reserved by Friday are \$8 for OHA members and \$10 for non-members. After Wednesday, tickets are \$10 for OHA members and \$12 for non-members. For more information and to reserve tickets, call Karen at 428-1864, ext. 312.

Oakwood Cemetery is at 940 Comstock Ave., but visitors should enter from the East Colvin Street entrance and follow the signs. Parking will be just before the caretaker's cottage. Check-in at the registration tent. A **location map** (<http://www.cnyhistory.org/events.html>) is on the OHA website.

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