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**Rosenbach Museum & Library Presents 5th Annual Dracula Festival in Oct.
*Kids and Adults Alike Invited to Join Dracula Parade on Oct. 27***

PHILADELPHIA – The 5th annual Dracula Festival at the Rosenbach Museum & Library, which holds the working notes for Bram Stoker’s classic novel *Dracula*, will run through the month of October. Events include a special exhibition, *Dracula: The Making of a Monster*, a gallery talk, and culminate with the popular Dracula Parade on October 27th.

Dracula: The Making of a Monster opens to the public on October 2nd and runs through November 4th and is included with regular museum admission. This exhibition, curated by the Rosenbach’s Kathy Haas, gives a first-hand look into the years of careful planning, research and working notes that Stoker used in crafting his classic horror story. It also features a reading corner and costume area for younger visitors to learn about Dracula and the man who created him. A gallery talk will be held on October 24th at 6:00 p.m.

The Dracula parade, in collaboration with Spiral Q Puppet Theater (www.spiralq.org), will be held on Saturday, October 27th. Each year approximately 300 people participate in the parade which winds its way through the Rittenhouse Square area and features larger-than-life characters from the novel, led by a 15-foot high head of Nosferatu. Participants are invited to gather at the museum at 5:30 p.m., and the parade begins at 6:00 p.m. and is free. People of all ages can come dressed in costumes or be outfitted with parade gear created by Spiral Q, including coffins, zombies, bats and werewolves costumes, and more.

The Rosenbach Museum & Library is located at 2008-2010 Delancey Place and is open Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors, free on Tuesdays, free for kids 18 and under on Sundays, and free for kids under 5 at all times. For more information, please call (215) 732-1600 or visit www.rosenbach.org.

Founded by legendary book dealer A.S.W. Rosenbach and his brother and business partner Philip, the Rosenbach is a museum and world-renowned research library set within two historic 1865 townhouses. It is distinguished by the imaginative, intimate, and playful ways it connects people to its outstanding collection of rare books, manuscripts, furniture, and art. Its mission is to inspire curiosity, inquiry, and creativity by engaging broad audiences in exhibitions, programs, and research based on its remarkable and expanding collections.

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