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## Halloween Goes Hollywood in Moraga

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From Pumpkin Patch to Trick-or-Treating at ghoulishly garbed homes, Lamorinda's kids get ready for Halloween Photos by Andy Scheck and Lamorinda Mom's Club

Halloween goers will be treated to much more than a chocolate bar or lollipop when they stop at 12 Linden Place in Moraga on October 31st. For the past ten years, Michele Wilson and her brother Greg have made Halloween a Hollywood affair treating the kids who visit to a five-minute skit based on a popular movie. This year's skit will feature two scenes from the first Stars Wars movie (Episode IV).

"People call this the Halloween house," says the Wilsons' mom Lyn, whose driveway and garage serve as the stage for the production. The outdoor "set" includes Han Solo's spaceship and the Mos Eisley Cantina on the planet of Tatooine.

Michele, who has acted and sung on stage and the big screen, serves as writer, actor, costume designer, and director for the Halloween show while brother Greg contributes creatively and manages the lighting and audio. Michele has recruited a loyal group of family members and friends to round out the cast that includes Chewbacca-Han Solo's large and furry comrade, Princess Leia and brother Luke Skywalker, the villainous Darth Vader, and the robot C-3PO. Even R2 D2 (a cleverly disguised shop-vac vacuum) makes an appearance.

"Kids get dropped off by the vanload to come see the skit," states Lyn Wilson proudly. Previous Halloween skits have included Michele and friends dressed as witches and hanging from brooms on the front porch (scenes from the movie Hocus Pocus) and outfitted as Dorothy and friends traveling down the yellow brick road (scenes from The Wizard of OZ).

We do have lots of fun doing the skit. It's a win-win for everyone," says

Michele's friend Judy Shumate who will portray Princess Leia for the evening. She encourages folks out on Halloween to stop by and enjoy the show. To see the Wilsons' Halloween skit, stop by 12 Linden Place (at the corner of Linden and Corliss) in Moraga.



Members of the Star Wars cast who will be performing at 12 Linden Place in Moraga on Halloween  
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