

[examiner.com](http://www.examiner.com)

## New York City celebrates Halloween with the 42nd Annual Village Halloween Parade

Saturday night, downtown New York City celebrated [Halloween](#) with its [42nd Annual Village Halloween Parade](#). From Spring Street to 16th Street, costumed marchers walked up Sixth Avenue as crowds gathered at sidewalk barricades to catch a glimpse of the sights the wildly creative creatures of the night had to offer.

Beginning the evening with massive skeleton puppets, along with a mass of marching lamps that stuck to the [parade](#)'s "Shine A Light" theme, the parade kicked off around 7pm, giving the onlookers a feast for the eyes for the next three hours. Aside from Heath Ledger's creepy Joker, groups of Bananas and a few Red Riding Hood/Big Bad Wolf duos, there weren't many duplicate costumes amongst the hundreds who took to the street. Some took the minimalist route, wearing day clothes and throwing on a mask, while others went all out, donning homemade elaborate getups that involved everything from sequins to stilts to strands of Christmas lights.

Many organized groups marched together, including the [Mexican Tourism Board](#), who sent 30 Day of the Dead Catrinas in full

costume to help celebrate. Local groups brought plenty of music to the parade, like [New York City's Lesbian & Gay Big Apple Corps Marching Band](#), [Samba New York](#), [NYC Carpenters Union Pipe-And-Drum Band](#), [Casita Maria Center For Arts & Education](#) and [Maracatu NY](#) also marched. Radio stations 103.5 [KTU](#) and [Z-100](#) had floats full of costumed folks dancing while a DJ played, as did MAC Cosmetics' neon-lit float, which drew lots of attention. Megaclub [Webster Hall](#) was also present with a musical float, and would go on to host the official After Party for the Parade that night. The largest group of dancers was provided by [ThrillerNYC.com](#), who (you guessed it), entertained the masses with a recreation of the choreography Michael Jackson and his crew made famous in his video for his hit song "Thriller." The [Las Calacas Festival](#) from San Miguel, Mexico paid tribute to those we lost this past year with their Day of the Dead float that honored notable figures such as Leonard Nimoy, former Governor of New York Mario Cuomo, and the beloved Lion, Cecil. A few celebrities also joined in; Samantha Ronson DJ'd the Rubenstein PR float, and Dos Equis' [Most Interesting Man in the World](#) served as Grand Marshall for the parade.

To see my full photo gallery, click [here](#)!

You can follow me on Twitter at [@ConcertExaminer](#)!