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**GROVES CABIN THEATRE RELEASE:**

**“INFAMOUS” HISTORIC 1938 RADIO BROADCAST OF *THE WAR OF THE WORLDS*  
TO BE PERFORMED AS A SPECIAL HALLOWEEN FEATURE AT  
GROVES CABIN THEATRE IN MORONGO VALLEY**

A lifelike recreation of the “infamous” 1938 Orson Welles’ CBS radio broadcast of H. G. Wells’ *The War of the Worlds* will be staged for five performances only at **Groves Cabin Theatre** in Morongo Valley as a special 69th anniversary Halloween offering from **Groves**. Performances will be on Saturdays at 8:00 PM and Sundays at 2:30 PM from October 20 – November 3

In what was to become probably the most well-known radio dramatic production in the history of the medium, CBS aired an innovative adaptation of H. G. Wells’ 1898 novel *The War of the Worlds* on the *Mercury Theater on the Air* on Sunday, October 30, 1938. The episode starred and was directed by Orson Welles, and it featured a script created by famed writer Howard Koch, with input from Welles, that began with a series of news bulletins documenting a Martian invasion in New Jersey. Although the program began with an announcement that it was a fictional dramatization, many listeners apparently missed the announcement and began to fear that an actual Martian invasion was occurring, resulting in widespread concern, confusion, fear, and panic.

This **Groves** production features the original script, performed *exactly* as it was heard on that memorable evening in 1938...in its entirety. The illustrious cast features Daniel Graff as Orson Welles, and Coachella Valley radio personality Jack Lyons in the role of the lead announcer for CBS. Also serving as a technical advisor to the production, Jack lived in Chicago in the 30s and recalls hearing the original broadcast—LIVE! Additional cast members are Frank Sheckler, Bob Harrison, Steve Fuji, Terri Lozano, and Henry Lozano. Mr. Lozano, a devoted radio and film historian, has also provided the original CBS microphones used in 1938 and has obtained on a special loan from CBS, the actual GE studio clock from the New York studio where the show originated. In addition to appearing in the intense drama, the versatile Steve Fuji is also directing the show.

**Groves Cabin Theatre** (<http://www.grovescabintheatre.org/>) has won multiple Desert Theatre League awards for its high-quality productions. The 23-seat theater offers one of the most intimate theatrical experiences available anywhere in the world—that experience having been described as being “like a fly on the wall, witnessing real life happening before my eyes.” These special Halloween performances will provide a real treat for old-time radio aficionados and a spine-tingling experience of a bit of truly dramatic history for all fortunate enough to be able to attend one of the show’s five performances. The limited seating means early reservations are a must.

*The War of the Worlds* will be performed Saturday evenings at 8:00 PM and Sunday afternoons at 2:30 PM from October 20, through Saturday November 3. **Groves Cabin Theatre** is located at 8768 Desert Willow Trail in Morongo Valley north of Highway 62 (look for the large red, white, and blue stone on the north side of the highway). Tickets for all seats are \$10. For additional information and reservations please call! (760) 365-4523.

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