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MONTEREY, CA – Monterey Peninsula College Theatre Arts Department presents

Frankenstein

by Mary Shelley

Adapted for the Stage by Nick Dear

Directed by Teddy Eck

October 10 to October 27, 2019

Tickets available from the MPC Theatre Box Office (831-646-4213) or online at www.mpctheatre.com

About the MPC Production of *Frankenstein*

Based on the 1818 novel by Mary Shelley, Nick Dear's critically acclaimed adaptation of ***Frankenstein*** premiered at the Royal National Theatre of London on February 5, 2011, and opened February 22 to critical acclaim. Directed by Danny Boyle, the original cast featured Benedict Cumberbatch & John Lee Miller alternating the roles of Victor Frankenstein and the Creature. Told through the Creature's perspective, this unique version focuses on his abandonment and growing discovery of his own humanity, along with his yearning for companionship. Meanwhile, Victor Frankenstein struggles with the power and responsibility that comes with the creation of life. Does Victor Frankenstein create a monster, or does the hatred and bigotry his creation encounters change the Creature into a monster?

MPC Theatre Arts is excited to launch our 66th season, which focuses on *identity*, with this bold production of ***Frankenstein***. The first show to be directed by new MPC Theatre Department Chair Teddy Eck, ***Frankenstein*** features original musical by MPC students, and an innovative scenic design that uses several multimedia elements. This production of ***Frankenstein*** is a powerful, suspenseful drama that will have you questioning what makes one human, and who defines morality.

Frankenstein includes some simulated violence and horror effects, and should be considered PG-13.



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About the Director

Teddy Eck – The director of *Frankenstein* and new MPC Theatre Arts Department Chair, Teddy Eck holds an MFA: Theatre - Directing, Non-Profit Leadership & Management from the University of Memphis, as well as a BFA: Musical Theatre Performance, Screenwriting & Film Production from AMDA/The New School. His professional credits include: Off-Broadway: The Public Theatre, The Irish Rep Theatre, Playwrights Horizon, as well as performances on Cruise ships, and many regional Theatre productions. TV/FILM: Law & Order: SVU, Lincoln, One Life to Live, Delirious, The Notorious Bettie Page, and various commercials and industrials. He is a proud AEA and SAG-AFTRA member.

As the fourth Chair in the MPC Theatre Department's history, Teddy is honored to be a part of the rich history of the MPC Theatre Arts program. He plans on building upon that history, while also taking the program in new directions, galvanizing the department's relationship with the community, discovering new opportunities for growth, and redefining how the MPC Theatre Arts program excels at providing our students with a professional theatre experience and education.

About the Design Team

The Design team includes **Teddy Eck** (*Director & new MPC Theatre Dept. Chair*), **Doug Ridgeway** (Technical Director & Sound Design), **Andrew Mannion** (*Scenic Designer*), **Edith Schneider** (*Costume Designer*), **Ana Maximoff** (*Lighting Designer*), **Eric Maximoff** (Master Carpenter), and MPC students **Adonis Pedrialva & Cody Arvidson** (Original music).

Performance Dates and Times:

Frankenstein previews Thursday, October 10 at 7:30 PM. Opening Night is Friday, October 11 at 7:30 PM. Performances run Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 PM and Sundays at 2:00 PM from October 10 through October 27.

Opening night post-show reception

The opening night performance on Friday, October 11, will include a post-show reception with refreshments.

Post-show Talk Backs:

Join the director & cast for post-show discussion immediately following performances on **Sunday October 13** and **Friday October 25**. Discuss the concepts, themes, and creative process that gave birth to this production.



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The full performance schedule is:

Thursday	October 10	7:30 PM	Preview/Discount Thursday
Friday	October 11	7:30 PM	Opening Night - with post-show reception
Saturday	October 12	7:30 PM	
Sunday	October 13	2:00 PM	Matinée with post-show Talk Back
Thursday	October 17	7:30 PM	Discount Thursday
Friday	October 18	7:30 PM	
Saturday	October 19	7:30 PM	
Sunday	October 20	2:00 PM	Matinée/Closing Performance
Thursday	October 24	7:30 PM	Discount Thursday
Friday	October 25	7:30 PM	With post-show Talk Back
Saturday	October 26	7:30 PM	
Sunday	October 27	2:00 PM	Matinée – Final performance

Thursday Ticket Prices

Thursday Preview and subsequent Thursday performances are \$12.50 for all Adults

Please Note: Campus Parking is required for Thursday evening performances and costs \$3.00.

Some kiosks take quarters and others take dollar bills.

For All regular performances

24-hour advance tickets are \$20.00 for Adults and Seniors (or \$25 and \$22 at the door.)

Military, Teachers, and Young Adults (13-21) are \$15.00 each. Reservations are recommended.

Tickets are available online at www.mpctheatre.com or by calling The MPC Box Office at 831-646-4213.

Tickets are available through the MPC Box Office on the Monterey Peninsula College Campus at 980 Fremont Street. The Box Office (831-646-4213) is located in the lobby of the Theatre Arts building on the southwest corner of the MPC campus, adjacent to parking lot "C" just off Fishnet road. The Box Office is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 3:00 – 7:00 PM and two hours prior to performances during performance weeks. Tickets are also available online at www.mpctheatre.com.

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Press release only – Press Release with photos will be released later this month.