

Showgram

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Dracula

Act II Players

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

There is something wonderfully timeless about DRACULA. At its heart, this is a story about fear and courage, temptation and loyalty, darkness and light. Bram Stoker's classic tale has captivated audiences for generations, and it continues to remind us why we are drawn to stories that take us somewhere unfamiliar—and perhaps a little frightening.

Our production follows Jonathan Harker, a young solicitor whose journey to Transylvania brings him face-to-face with the mysterious Count Dracula. What begins as a professional visit quickly becomes a terrifying struggle as Dracula sets his sights on England and on those Jonathan loves. As the danger grows, a determined group must come together to confront a force that seems almost impossible to defeat. Along the way, they discover that courage is not the absence of fear, but the decision to stand together in spite of it.

Bringing DRACULA to the stage has been an incredible experience. This production has challenged our actors to explore atmosphere, suspense, character, movement, and the art of telling a story with imagination.

To our cast, thank you for your commitment, your courage, and your willingness to step into this unusual and wonderfully dramatic world. You have brought these characters to life with energy, heart, humor, and imagination.

To our crew, thank you for everything that happens behind the scenes and often goes unnoticed. From sets and costumes to lights, sound, props, makeup, stage management, and all the countless details that make a production possible, your work is an essential part of this story. Theatre truly is a team effort.

And finally our audience, thank you for being here. There is something special about gathering in a theatre, turning off the lights, and sharing storytelling by everyday people unfolding life's happenings. We hope you will laugh, hold your breath, perhaps jump once or twice—and most of all, enjoy the experience.

Theatre asks us to believe in something we cannot see. Tonight, we ask you to believe in Transylvania, in ancient castles, in shadows that move when they shouldn't, and in the extraordinary courage of ordinary people.

Welcome to DRACULA.

And whatever you do...

Don't let the darkness frighten you.

Ava Fixel
Director

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Act II Players is Mandarin's Community Theatre! Our mission is to entertain, educate, and engage an audience by providing top quality entertainment through an immersive experience while collaborating with actors, directors, and other theatre lovers from the surrounding community.

Cast Members

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Derrek Koch

Jonathan Harker/Arthur Holmwood

Derrek is thrilled to be making his second stage appearance as Jonathon Harker and Arthur Holmwood. Originally from Lakeview, Oregon, Derrek has lived in Jacksonville for two years. His acting experience includes last year's production of BLITHE SPIRIT as Charles Condomine, a couple high school plays, and more recently, improv at both First Coast Comedy and Third Space Improv. Derrek would like to thank his family and friends for their support and the wonderful cast and crew of DRACULA for such a fun and unforgettable experience.



Billy Lister

Count Dracula

Billy is ecstatic to be a part of this production, his first one with Act II. Born and raised in Jacksonville, he went to college for theatre and recently moved back to pursue a career in sales. He was recently in Victor Victoria at the Arts Collective Theatre, and is looking forward to being more active in the Jax Theatre Community. He thanks his friends, his family, Morgan, and Mrs. Fixel for believing in him and supporting him every day. Thank you for coming!



Lisa Hunt

Mrs. Martha Westenra/Vampire/Servant

Lisa is absolutely delighted to be stepping back onto the stage for her third production with Act II Players! Her Act II adventure began with Curtain Call Cabaret in May and continued with her most recent production, HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING. She has also had the privilege of being on the stage at Orange Park Community Theatre in 10 WAYS TO SURVIVE THE HOLIDAYS, HARVEY, and YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN. She wants to thank her amazing husband and boys for their continued support in her passion, as well as her family and friends who have cheered her on every step of the way. Lisa is honored to share the stage with this incredibly talented cast and crew. So, settle in, keep your eyes on the shadows, and enjoy the show, but whatever you do... don't forget to watch your neck!!



Jim Warren

Mr. Henry Westenra

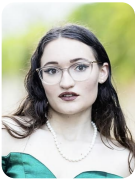
Jim is a retired engineer who is returning to the Act II stage for the first time since portraying Daddy Murphy in last summer's BRIGHT STAR. He has been fortunate to have performed at most of the theatres in the area over the last thirteen years. Some highlights have been appearing in the award-winning THE GRAPES OF WRATH in 2016 as Pa Joad at the Limelight Theatre and appearing in the 5 and Dime's THE GOD OF HELL as Mr. Haynes in 2019. He is fresh off a run at the Limelight of THE BATTLE OF SHALLOWFORD where he portrayed Roy Sprinkle. He is also a member of Jacksonville's Vintage Players, the area's only senior acting ensemble. He just hopes he can sleep at night after appearing in this production but don't "count" on it.



Dennis Stouse

Charles (the Butler)

Dennis is making his third appearance with Act II Players. He played George Bailey in IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A RADIO PLAY" and the Voice of the Book, among other roles, in HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING. He was active as a director and actor in academic and community theatre in Iowa before becoming a Floridian. His favorite roles are Nicely Nicely Johnson in GUYS AND DOLLS, Harry MacAfee in BYE, BYE BIRDIE, Felix in "THE ODD COUPLE, Banjo in "THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER, and Harold in BOYS IN THE BAND. As a director, his most memorable productions are OUR TOWN, THE MIRACLE WORKER, and PLAZA SUITE. Dennis is a journalist and retired Professor of Emeritus of Communication at Jacksonville University and an avid theatre goer. For relaxation, he writes reviews of local theatre productions for several social media platforms. He thanks Act II Players for an opportunity to again participate in one of his favorite hobbies.



Chloe Dresback

Miss Lucy Westenra

Chloe is so excited to be in Dracula! Recently, she made her Act II Players debut as Florence/Well-Dressed Woman in BRIGHT STAR last year and was Bratt in the recent HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING. Other recent roles include Wednesday in WEEKDAYS, Ensemble in CARRIE: THE MUSICAL, Kim MacAfee in BYE, BYE, BIRDIE and Antonio in TWELFTH NIGHT. When she's not attending cosmetology classes or turning into a vampire, she enjoys playing with her cat Jellybean and working on her next cosplays for conventions with her partner, Brandon. She thanks her family and friends for their endless support.



Rachel Galvin

Miss Mina Murray

Rachel is ecstatic to be making her debut at Act II Players. She previously was in THE LITTLE MERMAID as Ariel and an original play called WEEKDAYS. She would like to thank her partner for filming her audition and her mom for the never-ending support. When she isn't waiting tables, she is usually watching superhero shows or reading contemporary plays. She would like to end this by giving a shout out to her one true love - chicken broth - for always being there for her.



Tom Mackin

Dr. Peter Seward

Tom is proud to return for his fourth production with Act II Players. He previously performed as the executive Jenkins and Mr. Wally Womper, Chairman of the Board, in HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING, the skeptical Doctor Bradman in BLITHE SPIRIT, and the sketchy lawyer Stanford in BRIGHT STAR. Tom thanks his wife Trish for her unwavering support and deeply appreciates the opportunity to work with our Producer Jamie and the Director Ava again. He is humbled to work with such a talented and hard-working cast and crew.



Marilyn Painter

Professor Van Helsing

Marilyn is excited to dedicate her role as Van Helsing in this production to the memory of the incomparable Dolly Parton, an original producer of Buffy the Vampire Slayer! Marilyn began her community theatre journey in 2019 when she played Aunt Irma in THREE'S A FAMILY. The experience was so fun that she caught the acting bug right away! Favorite roles include Mrs. Clara Abramovich (CONEY ISLAND CHRISTMAS), Mama Murphy/Ensemble (BRIGHT STAR), Elvira (BLITHE SPIRIT), and Miss Jones (HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING). Marilyn lives in Mandarin with her husband Alan, to whom she's grateful for his constant encouragement (and getting her into acting in the first place), and two grumpy cats, Marsha and Blizzard. A writing professor at Florida State College at Jacksonville, when not grading papers, Marilyn enjoys not only community theatre, but also friends and family, yoga, singing, and dancing. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Morgan White

Renfield/Vampire

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Morgan is excited to be back in her first show in 10 years. DRACULA is one of her favorites, and playing Renfield has been a highlight of her year. She moved back to Jacksonville to pursue her dreams of being a hair stylist and has loved every second of it. She thanks her friends, her family and Billy for supporting her in everything she does. Thank you to Mrs. Fixel for giving her the chance to join this lovely cast.

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