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THE UNDERGROUND SINKS ITS TEETH INTO *DRACULA* FOR ITS 2019-2020 SEASON OPENER

He can taste your fear...

Duluth, Minn. [August 28, 2019] --- The Duluth Playhouse is proud to present Steven Dietz's fast-paced, fright-filled stage adaptation of the gothic tale of the immortal Transylvanian count and his unexpectedly feisty human prey. *Dracula* performs at The Underground Theatre beginning October 3 through October 19, 2019 and is directed by Justin Peck.

"The Underground has such a unique and wonderful sense of place. The brick arches of that old railroad station seem custom-built for a show like this," said Peck, when asked why this show at the Underground Theatre. "We're hopeful that they'll [the audience] be as excited about seeing 'Dracula' down there as we are."

Dracula is an adaptation of the classic novel written by Bram Stoker and it does not leave out any of the suspense, seduction, gothic horror and, of course, blood. As Count Dracula begins to exert his will upon the residents of London, they try to piece together the clue of his appearances in a valiant attempt to save themselves from a hideous fate. Watch as The Underground brings Stoker's story to life on the stage.

"Dracula' - the novel - is a series of letters, journal entries, and newspaper articles. That format doesn't usually translate well to the stage. This adaptation by Dietz; it's so expertly shaped and brilliantly written and it's legitimately scary," says Peck. "Oh yeah, there's also plenty of blood."

Playing the part of Count Dracula is Luke Moravec, last seen in The Underground as Crumpet in *The Santaland Diaries*. The team of vampire hunters seeking to destroy the monster is led by Van Helsing, played by Jordan Curtis. The young solicitor Jonathan Harker, sent to transfer an estate to Dracula, is Ted Webster, last seen playing Orpheus in Sarah Ruhl's *Eurydice*. Other cast members include Jonathan Manchester, Shayna Schafter, Haley Methner, Stewart Gordon, Camryn Buelow, Cheryl Skafte, and Daniel Benoit.

Tickets are on sale now online at www.duluthunderground.org, by calling 218.733.7555, or stopping by in-person at the Box Office located at the NorShor Theatre (211 E. Superior St., Duluth MN 55802).

Cast List for *Dracula*

- **Count Dracula:** Luke Moravec
- **Abraham Van Helsing:** Jordan Curtis
- **Jonathan Harker:** Ted Webster
- **Mina Harker:** Shayna Shafter
- **Lucy Westenra:** Haley Methner
- **Renfield:** Jonathan Manchester
- **Dr. Seward:** Stewart Gordon
- **Vixens:** Camryn Buelow & Cheryl Skafte
- **Attendant:** Daniel Benoit

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About the Duluth Playhouse

Rich with history dating back to 1914, the Duluth Playhouse is one of the country's oldest theatre organizations. Comprised of three stages: the NorShor Theatre, the Playhouse Family Theatre, and The Underground, the Duluth Playhouse produces year-round theatrical and musical performances as well as provide educational opportunities of the highest quality for both youth and adults.