

MERCER PLAYERS PRESENTS



Staged Readings



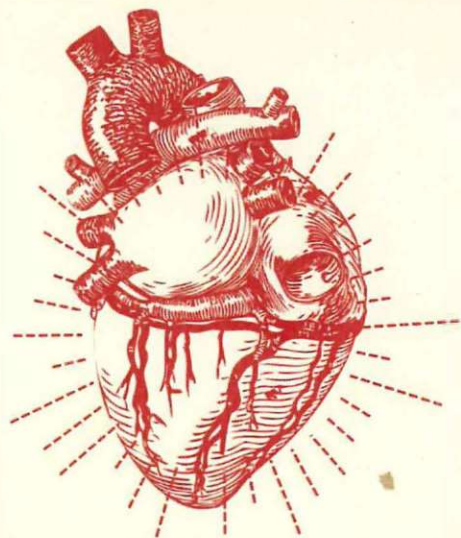
PRESUMPTION; OR THE FATE OF
FRANKENSTEIN

SEPTEMBER 14 AND 15 7:30 \$5



THE TALE OF JOSEPHINE DEVIL
BLOODHOUND

SEPTEMBER 16 7:30, SEPTEMBER 17 2:30 \$5



TATTNALL SQUARE CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 1096
COLLEGE STREET

Kimberly Gessner (House Manager) is excited to be a part of the crew for Staged Readings. Congratulations to the entire cast and crew!

Ashley Greene (Agatha) is a senior Theatre major at Mercer University. You may have seen her most recently on the Mercer stage playing Agnes Evans in *She Kills Monsters* or Jean Fordham in August: Osage County. She has loved bringing the hilarity of this show together and hopes you enjoy it!

Noel Hullfish (Sound Designer, Sound Board Operator) is a sophomore Theatre and Psychology major. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support.

Travis Meeks (Light Board Operator) is a sophomore chemistry major at Mercer. This is his first time working with the Mercer Theatre program and he is very excited to be here! He'd like to thank his friends and family for their support.

Joey Mitchell (Victor Frankenstein) is a sophomore Theatre major at Mercer University. This is Joey's second season with Mercer Theatre, and fourth performance overall. As always, he would like to thank his friends and family for their support, and the members of the department for their professionalism and hospitality.

Chase Moore (Narrator) is a junior, and this is his 8th production here at Mercer, so you may have seen him in last year's *11x10*, or in *She Kills Monsters*. Most recently, Chase worked professionally this summer at Tecumseh! Outdoor Drama in Ohio, and got paid to say lines on stage.

Chas Pridgen (William) is a sophomore at Mercer University studying Theatre and Journalism. He would like to thank his directors for the opportunity to be in both of these wonderful shows, and his friends and family for always supporting him.

Frani Rollins (Faculty Advisor) is the Assistant Professor of Design and Technology here at Mercer. To the cast and crew: break a leg!

Collin Schumacher (Assistant Stage Manager) is excited to be a part of the crew for Staged Readings. Congratulations to the entire cast and crew!

Monica Stephenson (Safie) is a sophomore at Mercer University. Since her role as Tilly Evans (*She Kills Monsters*), Tattall Square Center for the Arts has become a new home. She loves the people and the swords. Especially the swords.

Julianna "Jules" Tollett (Assistant Stage Manager) is a sophomore English major at Mercer University with a Theatre minor. She would like to thank her friends and family for supporting and loving her.

Lauren Ward (Madam Ninon) is excited to be a member of the cast of Staged Readings. Congratulations to all of the cast and crew!

~ Lighting Design by this semester's Lighting Design Class ~

Theatre Program Costumer.....Shelley Kuhen

Theatre Program Technical Director.....Todd Wilson

Center Coordinator.....Amy Watson

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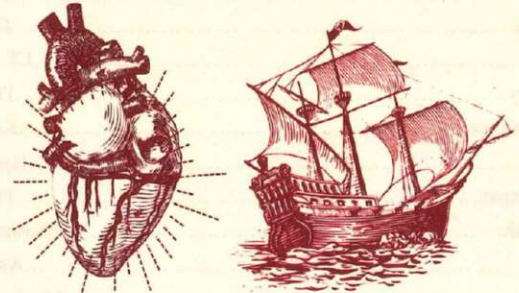
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Director's Notes

Presumption; or, the Fate of Frankenstein, opened at the English Opera House on 28th of July, 1823, during the golden age of melodrama. Based on Mary Shelley's Frankenstein, Richard Brinsley Peake's melodrama was an instant hit. At over 2,000 seats, the acting style required to be seen and heard involved sweeping gestures and, well, melodramatic postures to convey the story to the massive audience. We are honoring that tradition by "going big" with our storytelling and honoring the stage directions as best we can in a staged reading. We hope you enjoy the moment as a break from the trials of the storm.

Artistic Staff

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| Director..... | Scot Mann |
| Faculty Advisor..... | Frani Rollins |
| Sound Designer..... | Noel Hullfish |
| Stage Manager..... | Annie Fair |
| Assistant Stage Managers..... | Collin Schumacher, Julianna Tollett |
| Electricians..... | Avery Davis, Travis Meeks |
| Light Board Operator..... | Travis Meeks |
| Sound Board Operator..... | Noel Hullfish |
| House Manager..... | Kimberly Gessner |
| Arts Marketing..... | Marianna Bacallao |
| Student Marketing Director..... | Julianna Tollett |

The Cast

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| Frankenstein..... | Joey Mitchell |
| Clerval..... | Rosie Cooper |
| William..... | Chas Pridgen |
| Fritz..... | J.T. Bloodworth |
| DeLacey..... | Daniel Darity |
| Felix DeLacey..... | Kaylah Fritho |
| Tansin..... | Karen Wessells |
| Hammerpan..... | Trey Dennard |
| Elizabeth..... | Marianna Bacallao |
| Agatha..... | Ashley Greene |
| Safie..... | Monica Stephenson |
| Madame Ninon..... | Lauren Ward |
| Narrator..... | Chase Moore |

Scot J. Mann (Director) is an award winning and internationally recognized Fight Master through the Society of American Fight Directors, the British Academy of Stage and Screen Combat, and Director of Theatre at Mercer University. He has choreographed, performed and coached theatrical violence in the US, England, and Germany with such companies as The Steppenwolf Theatre, Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Alliance Theatre, and the Georgia Shakespeare Festival. Scot served as Fight Director for the world premier of Ghost Brothers of Darkland County, written by Stephen King and John Mellencamp. He has also served as tactics choreographer and gun wrangler for film and television, and on-set Swordmaster for the Bollywood Epic, DRONA, filmed in Jaipur, India. Most recently, Scot co-choreographed the Alliance Theatre's acclaimed production of The One Who Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest with his wife, Kelly. As a director, he received a Meritorious Achievement Award for his direction of Scapin, by the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival in 2005.

Marianna Bacallao (Elizabeth) is a sophomore Journalism and English major at Mercer University. She has been in past shows such as She Kills Monsters, Sister Snell, The Other Shoe, and Tracks.

J.T. Bloodworth (Fritz) is excited to be a member of the cast of Staged Readings. Congratulations to the entire cast and crew!

Rosie Cooper (Clerval) is a junior Theatre major and Chemistry minor. You may have seen her most recently as Johnna in August: Osage County. She'd like to thank all her friends and family for being so supportive, especially the lovely Annie Fair.

Daniel Darity (DeLacey) is a junior at Mercer University, where he majors in Theatre. This is his fourth performance during his time with the Mercer Players, and would like to thank his family and friends for their eternal love and support.

Avery Davis (Electrician) is a junior Theatre and Mathematics major at Mercer University. This is Avery's third Mercer production. She would like to thank all the people whose work made this show possible.

Trey Dennard (Hammerpan) is excited to be a member of the cast of Staged Readings. Congratulations to the entire cast and crew!

Annie Fair (Stage Manager) is a senior Theatre Major at Mercer University. Some of her favorite Mercer Theatre roles have been as stage manager for August: Osage County and She Kills Monsters! This summer she worked as a lighting designer for multiple Macon productions at Macon Little Theatre and Theatre Macon.

Kaylah Fritho (Felix DeLacey) is a senior Theatre major and Music minor at Mercer. She has served as marketing representative, assistant props master, and playwright. Her works include The Delivery Wan and The Tale of Josephine "Devil" Bloodhound. She's thrilled about her new play and thanks God and everyone for their support.