Don't miss the symposium "In the Shadow of the Monster: The Cultural Legacy of Frankenstein." Wednesday, 10/30, from 6–8 in the Clifford E. White Theater.

# PLAYING WITH FIRE AFTER FRANKENSTEIN directed by CHRISTINA GUTIERREZ-DENNEHY by BARBARA FIELD

TICKETS

\$8.00 Student/Youth \$12.00 NAU Fac/Staff & Seniors \$14.00 Adult

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#### THE CLIFFORD E. WHITE THEATER

November 8, 9, 14, 15 & 16 at 7:30 pm November 10 & 17 at 2:00 pm 2019

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THERE WILL BE SOME SCENES PORTRAYING PHYSICAL ABUSE, GUN VIOLENCE, STROBE, & HAZE EFFECTS

# CAST

FRANKENSTEIN	MORGAN GALLOB^
THE CREATURE	MASON SARGENT
VICTOR	JAMES KELVIN WALLIS
ADAM, THE CREATURE	ABIGAIL BRYANT
ELIZABETH	CHARLIE WEBB
PROFESSOR KREMPE	LAURA STEUER^

#### **CAPSTONE^ APO\* USITT+**



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## **CREATIVE TEAM**

DIRECTOR	CHRISTINA GUTIERREZ-DENNEHY
DRAMATURG	CHARLENE MCKENNA^
MOVEMENT CHOREOGRAPHER	REBECCA WHITEHURST
FIGHT CHOREOGRAPHER	BOB YOWELL
COSTUME DESIGN	KATE ELLIS
ASSISTANT COSTUME DESIGN	JANET AYALA & CLAIRE WOODARD+
ASSISTANT MAKEUP DESIGN	MARIE STUFF
LIGHTING, SOUND, & MEDIA DESIGN	BEN ALEXANDER
ASSISTANT LIGHTING DESIGN	PAIGE ADAMS+
SCENIC DESIGN	NAOKO SKALA
ASSISTANT SCENIC DESIGN	KIARA HARRINGTON

## **PRODUCTION TEAM**

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR	MARK DELANCEY
STAGE MANAGER	GRETA JEAN MAURO^
ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGERS	KATHRYN FRKETICH & KARLY MOYERS
ASSISTANT PROPS MANAGER	EMILY RALSTON
SCENIC ARTISTS	MARY RYAN & RYAN S. BOWMAN
COSTUME SHOP MANAGER	NANCY PARR
COSTUME STITCHERSCLAIRE WOO	DARD, JANET AYALA, & GRETA MAURO
CHAIR & EVENT PROMOTION	KATHLEEN M. MCGEEVER
PROGRAM DESIGN	KACIE DEBEVC
EP INTERN	LAURA STEUER
POSTER DESIGN	ARDEN PAUGH

### **COSTUME CREW**

#### Costume Crew Head: Rory Schuh+

**Crew:** Sydney Bartels, Kassi Post, Maggi Yarborough, Tendo Ogot, Asher Robinson, Camila Toleda, Lauren Scherer, Aivelyn Karsten, AnnaLee Lacobelle, Isabel Dial, & Katelynn Garcia

#### **LX CREW**

LX Crew Head: Grace Kennedy Crew: Victoria Fischer, Peter Kostiw, Victoria Martinson, Jessie Siemens, Jack Skummer, & Natalie Zec

### **CARPENTRY & PAINT CREW**

Carpentry Crew Head: Terry Hemming

**Carpentry Crew:** Mary Ryan, Madison Elsner, Gabriella Nelson, Sarah Michaila Alarcio, Zoe Spalding, Kevin Chan, Devin Smelnick, Nicholas Campbell, Xander Furash, Rebekah Tindall, Ivory Bacy, Benjamin Quintailla, Malachai Bullock, Destiny Moore, Bradley Uphold, & Ian Burnett

#### **EVENT PROMOTION**

Event Promotion Assistant: Kacie Debevc Team: Kelsey Brown, Laura Steuer, Shea Turner, Emily Wood\*+, Alexis Gibbs, & Camryn McMahon

#### **HOUSE MANAGEMENT**

Managers: Tori Niemiec\*+, Ryan S. Bowman \*+, Emily Wood\*+, & Ella Joyce Johnson\*+

## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

#### In the Shadow of the Monster: Directing Frankenstein

I often say to my students that horror films are the quickest way to understand a culture's deepest fears. A society that fears disease and infection spawns countless zombie films. One conditioned to be scared of invasion by another country produces movies about unknowable aliens. This connection between the horror genre and societal fear is of course present in Barbara Field's adaptation of Frankenstein. This Creature is of course a metaphor for the process of Othering, i.e. for the fear that some feel in the face of things or people that seem foreign. The Creature speaks eloquently not only of the revulsion with which humans greet him, but also of the violence that accompanies these reactions. People throw stones at him out of a fear that his difference makes him dangerous.

Still, in this version of the story, the Creature is more than just a metaphor for fear. Field's Creature is driven by a desire to know the reason for his creation. In turn, Frankenstein's hesitation to kill the Creature stems from an equally obsessive desire to gather data about his creation. The similarity of these quests for knowledge suggests that Frankenstein has not created an inhuman monster, but rather a reflection of himself. Field's is not the monster of Hollywood monster movies, but the result of a very human desire to know the unknowable. This Creature-with his deep desire to understand love, faith, and empathy, is in many ways more human than his maker. What Field's play explores, then, is not a fear of the other, but a fear of ourselves. Frankenstein and his Creature are mirror images of each other, struggling to define themselves in relation to each other. Their twined journeys through the play and through memories of their past lives brings them momentarily together at the top (or the end) of the world. It is in this moment of connection that we find both the beauty and the heartbreak of their story. I invite you into this strangely familiar world and hope that you take a moment to consider what it is that frightens us now, and what that fear reveals about our common humanity.

-Christina Gutierrez-Dennehy, Director

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