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# Director's Note

Dracula has been a staple of stage and then screen since his first appearance in 1897. In these mediums he is often portrayed as a creature of romance and loss. While I have enjoyed many of the forays into that version of Dracula, (Can we say Gary Oldman?) this is not that. This script, by Stephen Dietz neither embraces that romantic tint, nor does it delve into camp that productions are often laced with. What we have here is a story that relies heavily on Bram Stoker's original text.

In the novel, the human Dracula was a good man, a scholar, not the bloodied Vlad the Impaler (While Stoker used the name Dracula the book makes no reference to historical Vlad). The good man's unwitting fall from grace makes the character even more frightening to me than a monster becoming even more monstrous. To be human and to have that stripped away... to me that is Dracula's tragedy, and there is no romance to it. Dracula is the ever patient stalker on the other side of the glass who wants to do you harm. He stands before you as pure evil, and that evil is hungry.

Dracula the story is well worn, unless you are from a different universe you probably know how this plays out, down to the finite details. Like most classics its scope goes beyond the mere story points. It resonates with us profoundly on many levels.

I love this script; I love its bones, these characters. With this production I ask you to look beyond the tropes and allow yourselves to become immersed in the world of this group, thrown together in the most terrifying of circumstances. Go with them on their emotional journey.

Ultimately Dracula is a story about honor and friendship, about a group of people who are willing to risk their very souls to save those they cherish and to combat the evil they find in the world. They run pell mell into the abyss and they fight the good fight. And at the end of the day, isn't that what we hope we would all do when face to face with the monster?

Enjoy,

pug Bujeaud

# Artistic Staff

Director	pug Bujeaud
Stage Manager	Nena Curley
Assistant Stage Manager	
Set Design/Master Carpenter.	Blake R. York
Assistant Carpenter	Ron Bauer
Resident Costume Designer	
Resident Lighting Designer	
Resident Properties Manager	Jeffery Weaver
Sound Designer	
Scenic Artist	Erin Chanfrau
Fight Choreographer	Freddy Tse
Dialect Coach	Meredith Armstrong
Photography	Dennis K Photography
Graphic Design	Blake R. York
Build Crew	. Niclas R. Olson & Blake York, Sr.
Paint Crew	Jen York & Maggie Knott



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# Staff Biographies

### pug Bujeaud (Director)

pug is a founding member and the current Artistic Director of Theater Artists Olympia. She has been acting, writing, designing, or directing for theater almost non stop for the last 25 years. Some of her directing projects you may have seen include, Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol (OLT), The Weir and Dial M for Murder (TLT), The HEAD! that wouldn't DIE!, and The Miracle Worker (Lakewood Playhouse). Her next project will be The Physician in Spite of Himself this December for TAO.

### Nena Curley (Stage Manager)

Nena is super excited to be back at Tacoma Little Theatre; she has Stage Managed A Christmas Story, Steel Magnolias, and Dial M For Murder. She's also Stage Managed Drood, The Miracle Worker, and Spamalot at Lakewood Playhouse. Nena also can be seen teaching the youth class/camps here at Tacoma Little Theatre, right now she's getting 10 wonderful kids ready for their own Dracula show on October 29th. pug as always a joy working with you, thank you Noelle for handling all the hurdles, and thank you to this wonderful cast for a thrilling show. Thank you to my parents and Dylan for their love and support.

### Noelle Shai Edlin (Backstage Technician)

Noelle is excited to being doing her fifth production with TLT. Past productions include *Boeing Boeing* as tech crew (TLT) and *Rabbit Hole, Second Samuel,* and *Thu Underpants* as ASM (TLT). She would like to thank her parents who encouraged her love of theater and the SQUAD!

### Blake R. York (Technical Director/Master Carpenter/Set Design)

Blake has been involved with theatre in the area for the past 13 years. Blake serves as TLT's Technical Director, Set Designer, and this year as Graphic Designer for the season posters. Favorite designs in the area include: Sleuth, Sylvia, Scrooge! The Musical, A Christmas Story, Rabbit Hole, Cabaret (TLT), Oliver!, A Funny Thing..., The Lion in Winter (Lakewood Playhouse), Seussical, Pippi Longstocking (Tacoma Musical Playhouse), and The Tempest (Olympia Little Theatre). He would like to thank his wife Jen, his parents, and his friends for everything they have done and continue to do for him.

### Erin Chanfrau (Scenic Painter)

Erin Chanfrau has designed, painted, directed, and acted in the Puget Sound region for over fifteen years. She recently designed the set for *Moby Dick* at Assemblage Theatre, and painted *The Underpants* at TLT.

# Staff Biographies

### Michele Graves (Resident Costume Designer)

Michele has been the Resident Costume Designer for the past four seasons. The quality of the shows, casts, and crews make it a pleasure to be a part of this theatre. Whether doing a period production or a contemporary piece, she enjoys costuming the many actors and getting to know the characters they portray. "This has been my favorite season yet! The shows, production teams, casts, and costuming opportunities have been fabulous."

### Niclas Olson (Resident Lighting Designer)

Niclas is pleased to return to TLT as resident lighting designer. Past designs for TLT include Someone Who'll Watch Over Me, The Joy Luck Club, Little Shop of Horrors, A Midsummer Night's Dream, and Cabaret. Other local design credits include: Oliver!, The Woman in Black, The Rainmaker (LPH), Tea (Dukesbay), and Doctor Faustus (New Muses). He is the managing artistic director of New Muses Theatre Company. www.NiclasOlson.com

### Jeffery Weaver (Resident Properties Manager)

Jeffery is delighted to be the resident props master/hair consultant extraordinaire for another stellar year. He enjoys working with the amazing staff here at Tacoma Little Theatre. He would like to thank his wonderful husband Bruce, and children who continue to support his work both on and off stage. He would like to send love to his BFF and Wifey #1 Ms. Jen. As the wise Tallulah once said, "If you really want to HELP the American Theater don't be an actor daaahling... BE an audience!!" Much love to all, "I give my life to the Theatre, because in it I'm building something for myself. And what I build, I am."

### Dylan Twiner (Sound Designer)

Dylan is grateful for the opportunity to work at Tacoma Little Theatre for the first time, and for all the hard work from cast and crew that went into making this production. Previous sound design credits include *Comedy of Errors, Spamalot* and *The Miracle Worker* at Lakewood Playhouse. Thanks to Nena for everything and thank you for supporting live theatre!

### Freddy Tse (Fight Choreographer)

Freddy is honored to be joining TLT's production of *Dracula*. Freddy is a Fight Director and Stunt Coordinator but may have been recently spotted as "Spike" in TLT's production of *Vanya, Sonia, Masha, and Spike*. He specializes in physical theatre having trained at WWU, Dell'Arte international, and the Society of American Fight Directors. Have a spooky time!

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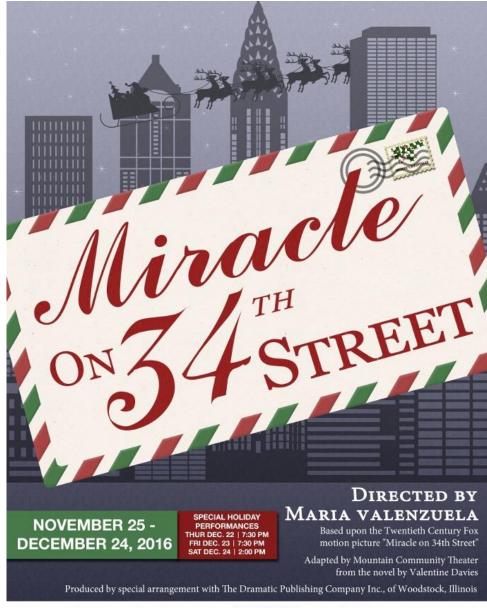
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The Tacoma Little Theatre Board of Directors is delighted to have you in our audience, and we hope that you are enriched by this live theatre experience. Our Board has several goals for the upcoming year; please let us know if you want to be a part of achieving them!

- Provide greater access, on stage and off, to our community. While we have been known to cast broadly, we've taken it a step further, and our casting notices specify that auditions are open to all racial and ethnic backgrounds unless otherwise specified. We encourage auditions from people of all backgrounds.
- Provide clearer opportunities for volunteerism. We've always relied on our wonderful volunteers for ushering, and ticket taking, and event planning along with other work. We are now strengthening our Board committees and looking for people who are interested in volunteering with us on event planning, fundraising, facilities, and governance. If you have any interest in serving with any of those committees, please let Chris Serface (chris@tacomalittletheatre.com) know.
- Prepare for our upcoming 100th anniversary and begin planning for continued upgrades to our facility.

Tacoma Little Theatre is fortunate to have strong leadership in Chris Serface, and we look forward to continued success with his leadership and our connection to you and the rest of our community.

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Dracula
Van Helsing
Vixen
Vixen
Waiter/Attendant Ethan Bujeaud
Waiter/AttendantGerardo Zaragoza
Maid/AttendantJess Allan



### **Place**

London, England and Transylvania

Act I: 60 minutes Act II: 70 minutes There will be a 15 minute intermission

# Cast Biographies



#### Jess Allan (Maid/Attendant)

Jess is thrilled to share the stage with fun and creative people. She is proud to have worked on *Sleuth* (TLT), *Annie* (TLT), *Sylvia* (TLT), *Six Dances in Six Weeks* (TLT), *Dial M for Murder* (TLT), and *Laughing Stock* (Olympia Little Theatre) as an ASM, board operator, stage manager, and actor. Jess enjoys independent films, reading Sarah Vowell, and dressing up her cats in various outfits. She would like to thank pug Bujeaud, the amazing cast and crew of *Dracula*, and her very understanding, patient and handsome boyfriend.



### Ariel Birks (Vixen)

Ariel is thrilled to join Tacoma Little Theatre and this excellent cast of Dracula! She studied drama, vocal technique, and experimental music at The Evergreen State College where she played Lyubov Andreevna in The Cherry Orchard and Lucy Lockit in The Beggar's Opera, and gave a vocal recital which included songs written by Hanns Eisler and Bertolt Brecht. Her most recent role was Denise the Scientist in the very quirky, Olympia-D.I.Y. favorite Wolves: The Musical. She populates her free time by rehearsing with an experimental choir, writing performance pieces and poetry, and seeing live theater!



### Ethan Bujeaud (Waiter/Attendant)

Ethan Bujeaud is glad to be taking the stage with Tacoma Little Theatre for the first time. The opportunity is made less dauntless with a fantastic tech crew and cast. He has worked with many of them on *American Roulette, The HEAD! That Wouldn't Diel, Titus Andronicus,* and more, almost all were with Theatre Artists Olympia. He'd like to thank the overwhelming support of his friends, peers, and family.



### Kadi Burt (Vixen)

Kadi is tickled to be terrifying audiences on the Tacoma Little Theatre stage for the first time, having previously only worked behind the scenes. She has worked both on and off the stage at The Lakewood Playhouse for several years now. Some of her favorite roles there include, Aunt Ev (*The Miracle Worker*), Laker Girl (*Spamalot*), Cecile Pigeon (*The Odd Couple*), Gymnasia (*A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*) and Ensemble (*Sweeney Todd*). Much love to her cast, crew, and family, and special thanks to all of you for coming to support live theatre!

# Cast Biographies



#### Michael Christopher (Dracula)

Michael is happy to be returning to the stage at Tacoma Little Theatre. He was last seen here in 2014's *To Kill A Mockingbird*. When not on stage Michael is the president of Theater Artists Olympia and also has a job as a network operations manager. Dracula is a role he has wanted to play and hopes you enjoy the performance. V""V



### Brynn Garrett (Lucy)

Brynn is excited to be returning to the stage with TLT after a year off from her theatrical endeavors. You may remember her from previous performance as Edwin Drood in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* at Lakewood Playhouse, Isabelle in *Scrooge* at Tacoma Little Theatre, or Red Girl in Tacoma Music Playhouse's *Shout! The Mod Musical*. As always she would like to thank her director for her devotion to the production, her family for their continuous support and her fiance Steven, for always believing and encouraging her.



### Joseph Grant (Van Helsing)

Joseph has acted in theatre for 50 years in a variety of venues, including a professional stint in Seattle in the 1970's. He last appeared as Willy Loman in *Death of a Salesman* and as Shelly Levene in *Glengarry Glen Ross* both at Lakewood Playhouse. His last role at TLT was Herr Schultz in *Cabaret.* Favorite roles over the years include John Adams (1776), Henry II (*The Lion in Winter*), Atticus (*To Kill A Mockingbird*), Capulet (*Romeo And Juliet*), and Macduff (*Macbeth*). He also had major roles in *The Crucible, Diary of Anne Frank, The Miracle Worker, Educating Rita, and The Shadow Box*, among many others. He sends love to his wife Corrie and is grateful for her constant support.



### Brian Wayne Jansen (Renfield)

Brian Wayne Jansen hails from Nebraska. He is an actor/artist who has enjoyed projects up and down the I-5 corridor. He is currently represented by the Colleen Bell Agency and you may view his paintings at www.brianwaynejansen.com. Past shows include *The Weir* (TLT), 7 Ways to Get There (TAO), and Agamemnon (US Presents).

# Cast Biographies



#### Jesse Morrow (Mina)

Jesse Morrow, a Michigan native, moved to Olympia after earning her degree in Theatre at Northern Michigan University. Since the move, she has been seen as Snoopy in *A Charlie Brown Christmas* and Lauren in *Circle Mirror Transformation*. Some past favorites of hers include Annie in *Chicago*, Dromio of Ephesus in *The Comedy of Errors*, and Eponine in *Les Miserables*.



### Christopher Rocco (Seward)

Christopher Rocco is happy to be returning to the TLT stage two years after his debut here as Lesgate in *Dial M for Murder*. In that interim he has been heavily immersed in Theater Artists Olympia's productions at The Midnight Sun in downtown Olympia including sound design for *On the Verge* and *7 Ways to Get There*; directing *In A Dark, Dark House* and *Improbable Peck of Plays IV*, and most recently playing Winston in *The Credeaux Canvas*. Thank you all so much for coming to see this production of *Dracula*.



### Jacob Tice (Harker)

Jacob Tice has been performing on South Sound stages since 2011, appearing most recently as Holmes, Cecily and others in *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, Valentine in *Arcadia*, and Dan Kaffee in *A Few Good Men*, all at the Lakewood Playhouse. He is grateful for the opportunity to explore terror and hope with such a talented and dedicated cast and crew, and hopes you enjoy our thrilling retelling of this classic tale.



### Gerardo Zaragoza (Waiter/Attendant)

With his first show at TLT, Gerardo is very excited to continue performing on stage. Gerardo has taken this show as a learning experience to further his love for theater and see what it's like at the next level, only performing in high school as Ali Hakim in *Oklahoma*! and Touchstone in Shakespeare's As You Like It. He would like to thank his parents, sisters, and friends for their undying support, as well as pug, Nena and all the crew at TLT for letting him continue to do what he truly loves.







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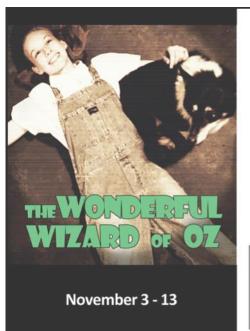


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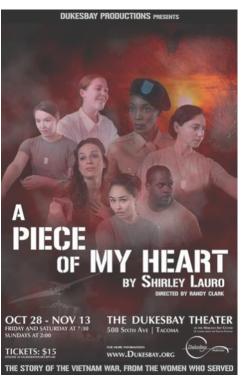
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"My daughter loved 'everything' including learning and performing. I loved that I felt comfortable dropping her off each day and not worrying about her well-being." -A parent of a Summer Camp @ TLT student

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All my best,

Chris Serface
Managing Artistic Director

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