

Newton Theatre Company
Presents

DRACULA

starring Linda Goetz

by Steven Dietz

from the novel by Bram Stoker

FRIDAY

January 24
8 PM

SATURDAY

January 25
2 PM | 8 PM

FRIDAY

January 31
8 PM

SATURDAY

February 1
2 PM | 8 PM

FRIDAY

February 7
8 PM

SATURDAY

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Dracula Cast

Mina Murray.....	Dani Johnson
Lucy Westenra.....	Jessibel Falcon
Jonathan Harker.....	Matthew Alexander Goldstein
John Seward.....	Rafael Silva
Renfield.....	Elena Toppo
Count Dracula.....	Linda Goetz
Abraham Van Helsing.....	Karin Trachtenberg

Original Music composed by Alex Taylor

Dracula Creative Team

Director.....	Melissa Bernstein
Assistant Director.....	Elena Toppo
Stage Manager.....	Hannah Jacuzzi
Sound Designer.....	Alex Taylor
Lighting Technician.....	Bobby Raps
Lighting Designer and Technical Director.....	Bernie Bernstein

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Who's Who

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Rafael Silva
as
John Seward



Karin Trachtenberg
as
Abraham Van Helsing



Jessibel Falcon
as
Lucy Westenra



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as
Renfield



Matt Goldstein
as
John Harker



Linda Goetz
as
Count Dracula



Danielle Johnson
as
Mina Murray

Who's Who

Jessibel Falcon (Lucy) is originally from Puerto Rico, holds a Bachelor's degree in Performing Arts from the University of Puerto Rico, and was part of the Touring Theatre. Her specialty and passion is Spanish Golden Age Theatre, and she aims to keep the tradition alive. She is finishing a Master's degree thesis on Angela de Azevedo, one of the few female playwrights of the time, at the Harvard Extension School. It is an honor to be a part of this cast.

Linda Goetz (Dracula) is so excited to be back working with NTC. Some previous shows with NTC include *Kindertransport*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Saint Joan*, *Our Tears Are The Same Color*, *Mansfield Park* and *Mary Stuart*. Special thanks to the talented cast and crew of *Dracula* and very very special thanks to Kent.

Matthew Alexander Goldstein (Harker) is very excited to be working on another production with Newton Theatre Company, and beyond excited to work with this cast and crew on this project. Matt studied drama at Syracuse University. He wishes to dedicate this run to his fiancée, friends, family, and to any hopeless wanderer fighting today's blood suckers.

Dani Johnson (Mina) is excited to be performing in her eighth season with Newton Theatre Company. She is thrilled to be working with this incredible cast of actors. Past NTC credits include *Pride and Prejudice*, *Saint Joan*, *Macbeth*, *All About Eve*, *War of the Worlds*, and *Marie Antoinette* – among others. Early work includes *Twelfth Night*, *Footloose*, and *The Crucible*. Dani teaches twelfth grade English at Newton North High School – where she also teaches the novel *Dracula*.

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Rafael Silva (Seward) is thrilled to be making his Newton Theatre Company debut in *Dracula*. He recently starred as Javi in the award-winning feature film *The Compatriots*, which earned him Best Actor at the Chelsea Film Festival in New York City. Other film credits include *Don't Look Up*, *Godmothered*, and *Little Women*. Rafael also read as Julián in the Spanish staged reading of *The Hombres* at Gloucester Stage and Teatro Chelsea. Fluent in Portuguese, Spanish, and English, he is passionate about amplifying Latin-American, queer, and immigrant voices. When he's not acting, you can find him making music with his band Terça Club or cooking, often with his partner Alex, as their cat Simon lingers nearby. Find him on social media @rafacsilva.

Elena Toppo (Renfield) is an actor, writer, director located in the Boston Area. Their past acting credits include: Faith (Newton Theatre Company's *Kindertransport*), Grumio (Actors' Shakespeare Project's *Taming of the Shrew*), Rosencrantz (Praxis Stage's *Hamlet*), Virginia (Anthem Theatre Company's *My fascination with Creepy Ladies*) and Napoleon (Classic Repertory Company's *Animal Farm*). Elena graduated from Boston University with a degree in Theatre Arts and a Minor in Deaf Studies.

Karin Trachtenberg (Van Helsing) is delighted to be returning for an 8th season with NTC. A classically trained actress, Karin has appeared in professional theaters throughout the US, Europe and the UK. As an actor, director and producer, Karin has championed countless new plays from staged readings to full productions. She is particularly interested in creating more opportunities for women-centered storytelling which fosters healthy dialogue about difficult issues. Her one woman show "*My Mother Had Two Faces: Reflections on Beauty, Aging and Acceptance*" just completed a world tour from Los Angeles, Boston, New York and The Edinburgh Fringe to full houses and rave reviews. Learn more about Karin at: www.karintrachtenberg.com

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We acknowledge that Newton, Massachusetts is on the traditional homelands of the Massachusett Indigenous Peoples.

The name Massachusetts comes from the Massachusett language term for "At the Great Hill," referring to the Blue Hills overlooking Boston Harbor from the south.

The Indigenous Nations that belong to this land are known as the Aquinnah Wampanoag, Mashpee Wampanoag, Ponkapoag, Stockbridge Munsee Mohican Nation and Nimuc.

We respect & recognize it is a privilege to be living on these lands as guests. We acknowledge the trauma experienced over centuries to the indigenous peoples who live on these lands and continue to face injustice. We honor with gratitude those peoples who have stewarded this land. We also acknowledge that these lands are sacred to generations yet to be born.



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