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906 Theatre Company of Chicago Presents

*Dracula*

A Staged Reading

Adapted by Aaron Sarka

**Chicago, IL: 906 Theatre Company (906)** is delighted to announce the cast for a new adaptation of Bram Stoker's classic novel *Dracula*. Written by local playwright and 906 Co-Founder Aaron Sarka, and presented as a staged reading by director and 906 Co-founder Sarah Sarka, this evening of spooky entertainment is part of a series of workshops that will culminate in a fully staged production in the autumn of 2015.

In this faithful, but minimalist adaptation, a small group of Victorian English must prevent *Dracula* from invading London and populating it with monsters of his kind. Armed only with their own experience, and the expertise of an eccentric Dutch professor, they face horrors previously untold to prevent the most powerful vampire in lore from coming to global power.

Chicago performer and motion capture actor Stephan Scalabrino makes his 906 Theatre Co. debut as the eponymous villain. He is joined by Mario Aivaizain as Jonathan Harker (previously seen in 906 Theatre Co's *The Importance of Being Earnest*), 906 co-founder Emma Couling as Mina, celebrated Chicago acting teacher Chris Aruffo as Van Helsing, and 906 co-founder Brian Elliott (also previously seen in *Earnest*) as Seward. Making their 906 debuts are Sydney Ray as Lucy, Chris Blake as Quincy, John Gleason Teske as Renfield, and Rachel Craig as Wife 3. Making his Chicago theatre debut is fellow Northern Michigan Alumnus Jacob Barbot as Arthur.

**Dracula** runs for **one night only** on November 17, 2014 at 7:30pm at **Blackrock Bar** 3614 N. Damen Ave, Chicago, IL 60618. The performance is **FREE** but a suggested cash donation of \$5 is welcomed and appreciated. All proceeds will go directly toward the funding of upcoming 906 productions.

**About 906 Theatre Company**

In the spring of 2014 five Northern Michigan University Alumni united to form a theatre company that would reflect the pride and ideals instilled in them by their experiences in the beautiful Upper Peninsula of Michigan where the arts are a way to escape from the harshness of the climate and are supported as a vital component of the Yooper lifestyle. It is 906 Theatre Co.'s hope that by bringing this sense of artistic significance to Chicago, they can serve as representatives of their home and advocates of Upper Peninsula Culture.

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