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For immediate release

[Children of the Night](#)

Adapted and directed by Dan Bain

13 – 15 December 2018

The Arts Centre (meet at the Clock Tower)

Short Show Description:

From the co-creator of the original *Christchurch Ghost Walk* comes an innovative, immersive horror experience where you accompany the characters from the greatest vampire story ever told as they hunt down the monster that became a legend.

VAMPIRES INVADE THE ARTS CENTRE IN *DRACULA* ADAPTATION

IN-BRIEF:

Get out your garlic for The Court Youth Company's delightfully frightening end-of-year performance, *Children of the Night*.

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Children of the Night runs for three nights only, but despite its limited season, Bain is excited for this show to be bringing a bit of supernatural fun back to The Arts Centre.

"The original Ghost Tour ran for around three years at The Arts Centre and it was in Lonely Planet for things you have to do in Christchurch. So, I think the idea of something going back - even if for only a short-term basis - is an ongoing sign of the recovery of that space and the city as a whole."

Children of the Night runs at The Arts Centre from the 13 – 15 December 2018.

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Children of the Night is the company's final performance together, exhibiting the skills of 21 young performers aged 17 – 21 who have spent the year honing their theatrical abilities at The Court Theatre under the tutelage of a range of theatrical practitioners.

"We wanted to try the genre of immersive horror with a group of young people who we thought would give it loads of energy and a fresh perspective," says Sears. "We thought the tale of *Dracula* would be a great story to adapt but wanted to make it slightly different. So, in *Children of the Night*, audiences will follow different characters in a journey around The Arts Centre."

Each performer will have a character (or two!) that audiences will find roaming around The Arts Centre, with Bain saying, "the audience is guided through the experience by *Dracula* characters Jonathan, Mina Harker and Abraham van Helsen who, along the way, meet a bunch of characters from the narrative in a spooky but fun experience."

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Warnings: *Children of the Night* travels around The Arts Centre, with numerous flights of stairs. It isn't wheelchair accessible or recommended for anyone with heart conditions or other health problems that may be exacerbated by climbing and/or sudden frights.

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Cast

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Tane Patterson
Paris Thornley
Anaru Shadbolt
Rongopai Tickell
Grace Newton
Freddy Thornton
Alex Wright
Todd Anderson
Conor Hill
Harrison Searancke
Alice Cheersmith
Felix Elliott
Joanna Fan
Holly Fraser Devenny
Ruby Pledge
Meg Fulton
Miriam Qualls
Ocean Pearl Jones
Anita Mapukata
Lillian Fata

Creatives

Director Dan Bain

Ticket Prices

- Students \$15
- Adults & Seniors \$22

Show Times

- Thursday 13th December 8:00pm & 9:30pm
- Friday 14th December 8:00pm & 9:30pm
- Saturday 15th December 8:00pm & 9:30pm

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