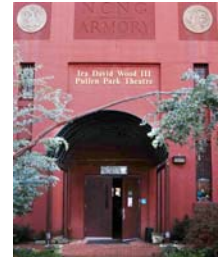


Theatre In The Park

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Vampire Spotted in Pullen Park

The mania surrounding the release of New Moon, as well as the True Blood series on HBO has engulfed Theatre In The Park and Jailbreak Theatre Company. They have decided to join the masses that have already gone "batty."

Raleigh, NC - August 18, 2009 -- Theatre In The Park, in conjunction with Jailbreak Theatre Company, is producing a special limited engagement of *The Mystery of Irma Vep*, by Charles Ludlum, to benefit Theatre In The Park's upcoming trip, taking the 35th anniversary of Ira David Wood III's adaptation of *A Christmas Carol*, back to Raleigh's sister city Compiègne, France.

On its surface *The Mystery of Irma Vep*, by Charles Ludlum, is a Gothic melodrama in which a naive young woman marries widower Lord Edgar Hillcrest. She slowly uncovers the mysteries behind the untimely deaths of Lord Edgar's first wife Irma Vep, as well as their son. Murder, mayhem, skullduggery and a few other vices invade the plot like a swarm of Gothic killer bees.

The show will mark the departure of veteran Triangle actor Mike Raab, Executive Director for Jailbreak Theatre Company and member of the Board of Directors at Theatre In The Park. Raab is scheduled to move with his family to Germany at the end of October. He is most well known for playing the Ghost of Christmas Future for the past decade in Ira David Wood III's *A Christmas Carol*.

Joining Raab onstage is Robbie Gay. Robbie has lived, worked, and travelled all over America directing and performing in around 50 professional productions portraying hundreds of characters. A full-time actor and director, his past credits include *Sylvia* (Hot Summer Nights at the Kennedy in Raleigh), *Greater Tuna*, (The Palace Theatre – Myrtle Beach, SC) and a role made famous by the southern icon Andy Griffith himself, Sir Walter Raleigh in *The Lost Colony* (Manteo, NC).

As if putting up a two man quick change show wasn't enough, Raab and Gay intend to spice things up even further by trading roles between each show. So, instead of committing just one half of the dialogue to memory, they get to learn the entire play word for word.

"It'll be a challenge, but we felt it would be a fun challenge as well as an opportunity to raise that much more money for Theatre In The Park from people that want to see us play the other characters," says Raab.

The show will run both September 11th and 12th at 8pm and 10:30 pm and will be performed at the Ira David Wood III Pullen Park Theatre.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS: Contact Theatre In The Park's box office at (919) 831-6058 or purchase online at www.theatreinthepark.com and www.etix.com.

About Theatre In The Park Theatre In The Park, currently celebrating its 61st season, is located in the northern end of Raleigh's scenic Pullen Park adjacent to North Carolina State University. The theatre is acclaimed for its many outstanding theatrical achievements. Each season Theatre In The Park presents an exceptional series of productions including the very best in comedy, original musicals, Shakespeare, and contemporary drama. Theatre In The Park is North Carolina's largest non-profit performing Arts organizations and is second in the region only to the celebrated Actor's Theatre of Louisville in original works premiered. Theatre In The Park truly offers something for everyone.

About Jailbreak Theatre Company Jailbreak Theatre Company is a newly formed, non-profit theatre group based out of Fuquay-Varina, NC. Their mission: Educate, Innovate, Entertain. www.myspace.com/jailbreaktheatrecompany