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## Lifeline Theatre Presents A World Premiere Adaptation of *Frankenstein*, Opens September 17

Performances with Open Captioning on September 22 and October 26  
Performance with Touch Tour and Audio Description on October 7

CHICAGO – Lifeline Theatre presents *Frankenstein*, adapted by Lifeline Theatre ensemble member **Robert Kauzlaric** and directed by Lifeline Theatre ensemble member **Paul S. Holmquist**. In celebration of the 200th anniversary of the publication of *Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus*, Kauzlaric and Holmquist, creators of *The Island of Dr. Moreau* in 2007 (winner of five Non-Equity Jeff Awards, including Production–Play and New Adaptation), return to the world of psychological suspense. After an unexpected death shatters her family, Victoria retreats into the darkest recesses of her psyche in search of a way forward. To find meaning in an impossible loss, she brings a terrible creation to life – one whose existence threatens all hopes for the future. Haunted and hunted at every turn, Victoria must endure a nightmare journey of the soul in a quest for survival. Grapple with the demons of grief and denial in this world premiere adaptation of the 1818 thriller by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley. The production runs approximately ninety minutes with no intermission. The novel will be on sale in the lobby.

*Frankenstein* runs September 7 – October 28 at Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave. (free parking and shuttle; see below). Press opening is Sunday, Sept. 16 at 4 p.m. Opening night is Monday, Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. (Previews are Fridays, Sept. 7 and 14 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays, Sept. 8 and 15 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 9 at 4 p.m.)

Regular performance times (September 20 – October 28) are Thursdays and Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 4 and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 4 p.m. Ticket prices are \$40 for regular single tickets, \$30 for active and retired military personnel (with ID), \$30 for seniors, \$20 for students (with ID), \$20 for rush tickets (available half hour before show time, subject to availability), and \$20 for previews. Group rate for 12 or more is available upon request. Tickets may be purchased at the Lifeline Theatre Box Office, 773.761.4477, or by visiting [www.lifelinetheatre.com](http://www.lifelinetheatre.com).

**Accessible Performances:** The Saturday, Sep. 22, 4 p.m. performance and the Friday, Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m. performance will feature open captioning for patrons who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. The Sunday, Oct. 7, 4 p.m. performance will feature a pre-show touch tour of the set at 2:30 p.m. and live audio description for patrons who are blind or have low vision. For more information about Lifeline's accessibility services, please contact Accessibility Coordinator Erica Foster at 773.761.4477 x703 or at [access@lifelinetheatre.com](mailto:access@lifelinetheatre.com).

The complete cast and production team for *Frankenstein* includes:

**CAST:** Lifeline Theatre ensemble member **Chris Hainsworth** (Alphonse); with guest artists **Ty Carter** (Erich), **Trent Davis** (William), **Maya Lou Hlava** (Justine), **Rasika Ranganathan** (Helena), **Ann Sonnevile** (Victoria), and **Risha Tenae** (Caroline). With understudies **Emily Tate Anderson** and **Julie Partyka**.

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**PRODUCTION TEAM:** Lifeline Theatre ensemble members **Paul S. Holmquist** (Director), **Robert Kauzlaric** (Adaptor), and **Maren Robinson** (Dramaturg); with guest artists **Barry Bennett** (Original Music & Sound Designer), **Becky Bishop** (Stage Manager), **Andrés Enriquez** (Casting Director), **Emily Hartig** (Properties Designer), **Izumi Inaba** (Costume Designer), **Jordan Kardasz** (Lighting Designer), **Jennifer McClendon** (Production Manager), **Greg Poljacik** (Fight Choreographer), **Joe Schermoly** (Scenic Designer & Technical Director), and **Cynthia Von Orthal** (Puppet Designer).

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Lifeline Theatre is accessible by CTA (Red Line Morse stop/busses) and free parking is available at Sullivan High School (6631 N Bosworth Ave, lot located on Greenview Ave. just south of North Shore Ave.) with free shuttle service before and after the show. Street parking is also available. Lifeline is accessible to wheelchair users and visitors who need to avoid stairs.

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Now in its 36<sup>th</sup> season, Lifeline Theatre is driven by a passion for story. Our ensemble process supports writers in the development of literary adaptations and new work, and our theatrical and educational programs foster a lifelong engagement with literature and the arts. A cultural anchor of Rogers Park, we are committed to deepening our connection to an ever-growing family of artists and audiences, both near and far. Lifeline Theatre – Big Stories, Up Close.

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