

A man in a dark coat and hat is looking out a window at a snowy street. The scene is dimly lit, with snow visible on the ground and rooftops outside. The man's expression is serious and contemplative.

Frankenstein

by Mary Shelley

An original adaptation by 6:12

Acted and Directed by Michael Garside

Assistant director

Frances Sellars

Technical crew

Charlotte Clarke

Frances Sellars

Mike Bindon

Front of house

Judi, Kate, Frances

Original music composed by Andy Cholerton

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A few words from the Director

Mary Shelley wrote the first version of "Frankenstein" when she was just 19 years old. The famous story of how that group of radical and romantic figures – Lord Byron, Percy Shelley et al - had a competition to see who could write the most frightening tale is well documented. Only two stories remain from that event, Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein" and John Polidori's "The Vampyre" – the forerunner of all other vampire stories of the late nineteenth century and most famously Bram Stoker's "Dracula".

Imagine that – arguably the two most well known 'horror stories', from which adaptations and films have poured forth for almost two hundred years, had their origins in a parlour game. We play Twister and Buckaroo – what moments of genius will be spoken about in two centuries' time from these cultural giants?

6:12's version of the story uses Shelley's own words as far as possible. We have had to edit it severely to make it possible to tell in about one hour, but we have not removed any of the most crucial elements of the plot. Shelley's tale is moving and filled with questions of morality and ethics and we have remained true to this.

Mary Shelley saw only one version of her story adapted for the stage; we hope that were she to see this, she would be pleased with the faithful approach we have taken to her original and groundbreaking tale.



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