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Press Release – for immediate release

**Blackeyed Theatre revives its acclaimed production of *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* for theatres around the UK, with a special focus on GCSE students. See the classic tale in Worthing this November.**

Written by Blackeyed Theatre stalwart Nick Lane, this is a thrilling adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's dark psychological fantasy. It was originally staged in September 2020 for just one filmed performance, providing audiences with the chance to watch the show online while theatres remained closed. It's now roaring back to stages on Thursday 04, Friday 05 & Saturday 06 November 2021, 2:30pm & 7:30pm. Check [www.wtam.uk](http://www.wtam.uk) for further date/time detail.

The tale is a classic; Doctor Henry Jekyll is a good man. Successful within his field and respected by his peers, he's close to a neurological discovery that will change the face of medical science forever. However, his methods are less than ethical and when a close friend and colleague threatens to expose and destroy his work, Jekyll is forced to experiment on himself, whereupon something goes very wrong... Suddenly Jekyll has a new friend: the brutal Edward Hyde.

This gripping production takes inspiration from Lane's own personal journey. Injured by a car accident at the age of 26 that permanently damaged his neck and back, Lane imagines Jekyll as a physically weakened man who discovers a cure for his ailments, a cure that also unearths the darkest corners of his psyche. Lane says, *'I wondered, if someone offered me a potion that was guaranteed to make me feel the way I did before the accident, but with the side effect that I'd become ruthless and horrible – would I drink it?'*

Combining ensemble storytelling, physical theatre, movement and Lane's razor-sharp script, alongside a new musical score by Tristan Parkes, *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde* remains true to the spirit and themes of the original novella while offering modern audiences one or two surprises. These include a major female character, Eleanor, who drives Jekyll on in the same way Stevenson's wife urged her husband to complete the novel.

Lane, who was Associate Director and Literary Manager at Hull Truck from 2006 - 2014, comments, *'I'm incredibly excited to be working with Blackeyed Theatre again. To revisit a story that I love and adapt it for four terrific actors, particularly at such a unique time for the industry, is an absolute gift for me! I hope people book their seats and then spend the entire show on the edge of them!'*



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Blackeyed Theatre are providing access to a free recording of the show to all schools that book at least 25 tickets following their visit to the theatre. They're calling it a *'Blended Theatre Experience'*, ensuring students get the very most out of a school trip. With this, they're offering lesson guides and activity packs for school groups which attend the show.

**The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde** is being performed at the Connaught Theatre on Thursday 04, Friday 05 & Saturday 06 November, 2:30pm & 7:30pm. Tickets are available from £10. For more information on this or any of the events, visit [www.wtam.uk](http://www.wtam.uk) or call the WTM Box Office on 01903 206 206.

*'Superbly atmospheric'* - Reviews Hub

*'A thrillingly dark drama'* - The Stage

*'A writer who knows what he's doing'* - The Guardian

*'A finely crafted adaptation that will keep you fastened to your seat'* - British Theatre Guide

*'keeps you gripped from start to finish... Phenomenal performances... A must-see if studying it for GCSE'* - Everything Theatre

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Trailer: [youtu.be/sBvnX2cUqB8](https://youtu.be/sBvnX2cUqB8)

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### EVENT LISTING

#### The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde

Date: Thursday 04, Friday 05 & Saturday 06 November 2021

Time: 7:30pm (Thursday), 2:30pm & 7:30pm (Friday), 7:30pm (Saturday)

Venue: Connaught Theatre & Studio, Union Pl, Worthing BN11 1LG

Tickets: From £10.00

Link: [wtam.uk/events/the-strange-case-of-dr-jekyll-mr-hyde/](http://wtam.uk/events/the-strange-case-of-dr-jekyll-mr-hyde/)

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