

Ecclesall Theatre Company presents

DR JEKYLL & MR HYDE

Adapted by PAUL VOODINI *from the original novella by* ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

Directed by KIERA RHODES



Tues 12TH May -
2026
- Sat 16TH May

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Welcome

to Ecclesall Parish Halls,
home of Ecclesall Theatre Company

A WORD FROM OUR CHAIR

I am delighted to welcome you all to tonight's exciting new production of *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, adapted from Robert Louis Stevenson's classic Gothic tale. This run marks the premiere of the adaptation by local writer Paul Voodini, who is also Assistant Director.

In another first, this is Kiera Rhodes' Directorial debut for ETC. We are also very fortunate to have several new members treading the boards tonight.

I wish Kiera, Paul and the whole company every success.

We are excited to announce that our Autumn play, (24th-28th November) will be *Black Comedy* by Peter Shaffer, directed by Graham Millar. Follow our Facebook page for updates and audition news .

Alison Millar

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

If I had a nickel for every time I've directed a play about Jekyll and Hyde, I'd have two nickels. Which isn't a lot, but it's weird that it's happened twice. 10.5 years ago I had my directorial debut as part of my studies at Coleg Ceredigion, with a 20 minute physical theatre piece using Robert Louis Stevenson's *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* as a stimulus.

When evaluating, I wrote such bangers as, "Hyde is only evil and has no good in him, whereas Jekyll does have good in him, but he also has bad." The premise of which, I brought forward into the Jekyll you will see tonight.

I am so extremely proud of my cast, and everything we have created to show you this evening. I am so, so lucky to have them - I couldn't have asked for better players to portray these characters.

And of course, I need to thank Paul, my assistant director, chief tea maker, and confident producer, plus the many other roles he's taken on so you are able to enjoy the show.

And enjoy the show I hope you do!

Kiera Rhodes

DR. CAST & MR. CREW

Dr. Henry Jekyll	David Barton
Mr. Edward Hyde	Daniel O'Key
Detective Inspector Enfield	Graham Millar
Mr. Gabriel Utterson	Tom Pymer
Police Constable Carrier	Tom Davis
Rose, the Street Girl	Hal Grayson
Mary, Dr. Jekyll's Maid	Olivia Geddes
Police Surgeon & others	Nick Rousseau
Coffee Merchant & others	Anthony Garbett
Dr. Jekyll's Cook & others	Rach Howard
Stage Manager, Producer, Writer, Assistant Director, Props	Paul Voodini
Lighting Design and Operation	Richard Gillett
Sound Design	Kiera Rhodes
Sound Operation and Photography	Jon Sims
Costumes, Hair, and Make-up	Alison Millar and Lucy Wylde
Prompt	Sue Preston
Refreshments	Ann Ashforth and team
Front of House	Paul Voodini, Alan Brailey, and team
Publicity	Kiera Rhodes (<i>Design</i>), Alison Millar (<i>Digital</i>), and Paul Voodini (<i>Print</i>)
Set Design	Richard Gillett and Kiera Rhodes
Set Build	Richard Gillett, Paul Voodini and team
Director	Kiera Rhodes

DR. JEKYLL & MR. HYDE ON STAGE

Robert Louis Stevenson's novella *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde* was first published in 1886, and it wasn't long before this tale of mystery was adapted for the stage. The first official adaptation came in 1887, written by Thomas Russell Sullivan and actor Richard Mansfield (who would play the characters of both Jekyll and Hyde), and premiered in Boston, USA. A year later it transferred to London at the height of the Jack the Ripper murders. Richard Mansfield's portrayal of Mr. Hyde so terrified theatre-goers that he was actually interviewed by police who suspected he might actually be Jack the Ripper (as opposed to just a good actor)!

Some other notable stage adaptations have come from David Edgar in 1991 and Neil Bartlett in 2022. In 1990, the story was turned into a stage musical. The musical *Jekyll & Hyde* continues to be performed around the world.

We do hope you enjoy this all-new adaptation, which was written especially for Ecclesall Theatre Company by Paul Voodini. Although Paul wrote the original script, there has been much creative input from director Kiera Rhodes and the cast; so the show you are about to watch has been a real team effort!

DO YOU LOVE THEATRE?

Why not get involved? Ecclesall Theatre Company is an amateur dramatics society, and we are always looking out for new volunteers! Whether you fancy treading the boards as an actor, working backstage to ensure that shows run smoothly, being a smiling face that welcomes the audience at front of house, or helping to construct the set in the weeks leading up to a performance, we'd love to have you on-board! We're friendly, relaxed, and there's always a constant supply of tea, coffee, and biscuits!

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