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La Lumiere School Drama Workshop Presents *Frankenstein*

LaPorte, Ind. – February 14, 2008 – The La Lumiere community invites the public to attend *Frankenstein* by Alden Nowlan & Walter Learning. The performance is directed by Donna Blue Lachman, and presented by the Drama Workshop of La Lumiere School, February 28 and 29 and March 1 at 7:00 p.m. (Chicago time). All performances are held in the Fine Arts Building on the La Lumiere School campus, are open to the public and are free of charge.

There have been many adaptations of Mary Shelley's masterpiece, but surprisingly, no writer before has been faithful to the spirit of Mary Shelley's novel, a work called "the first existential thriller." This play is very true to the original, which Mary Shelley wrote when she was 19, after she and, the 22-year-old poet Percy Bysshe Shelley, and their friend Lord Byron agreed that each would write a ghost story. A young Swiss scientist, Victor Frankenstein, creates Mary's living creature and this monster has found a lasting place in the popular imagination.

The large cast of excellent student actors makes this production very exciting and will leave you understanding why the ideas brought forth are so timeless.

About the Director

Donna Blue Lachman has worked as a playwright, actor, director and teacher in Chicago for over 25 years. She was the founder and Artistic Director of the *Blue Rider Theatre Company* for fourteen years where she wrote and performed nine one-woman plays, including, *Frida: the Last Portrait*; *The Thirst: A Solo Work for Jew and Clarinet*; and *The Trouble With Peggy: Pieces of Guggenheim*. Ms. Lachman has toured her plays all over the U.S. and abroad, receiving numerous awards for her work, including an Emmy Award for hosting *Free for All Chicago*, a TV Show for the City of Chicago; two Joseph Jefferson Awards for best performance, several Playwright Fellowships, and awards from the Chicago Artist's International Program which allowed her to research and tour her productions to Venice, Berlin, and Port-au-Prince. She did an Off-Broadway run of her One-Woman Show called, *Dancing on the White House Lawn* in 1994. She has also received three playwright commissions from the National Foundation for Jewish Culture and the Goethe Institut. Her teaching credits include: the School of the Art Institute, master degree program at Columbia College, Artist-in-Residence for Gallery 37 for the Arts, and Dramatist-in-Residence for the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs. This fall, she begins her fifth year as Theater Director and Instructor at La Lumiere School. She lives with her husband in Three Oaks, Michigan.



Dr. Frankenstein and visitors



The Creature.



The outcome.

Photos can be sent under separate e-mail for higher quality

Directions to La Lumiere School:

From Michigan, exit onto LaPorte Road/M23 and proceed south for 5.6 miles on M239 toward LaPorte (once into Indiana, M239 becomes Indiana 39). Turn left onto 650 North as indicated by the green “La Lumiere School” sign. Follow the signs, staying on 650 North. At the intersection of 650N and Wilhelm Road, proceed through, following the “s” curve and turn left into Gate 1.

From the 8/90 Toll Road, exit #49 and turn north (right) onto State Highway 39. Proceed 1.2 miles to the intersection of State Highway 39 and US Highway 20. *

From I-94 exit #40A and proceed east (straight) on US Highway 20 for 3.6 miles to the intersection of State Highway 39 and US Highway 20. *

* From the intersection of State Highway 39 and US Highway 20 proceed east on US 20 for one mile. Turn left onto Wilhelm Road as indicated by the green “La Lumiere School” sign. Continue until you reach the first intersection, turning right onto 650 North. Proceed on 650 N, following the “s” curve and turn left into Gate 1.

About La Lumiere School—La Lumiere is a coeducational lay Catholic boarding and day school that provides a comprehensive college-preparatory, high school education for qualified young men and women from a rich diversity of backgrounds. It seeks to develop character, scholarship, and faith, while remaining both independently accredited and faithful to its Catholic heritage. Current enrollment is 169 students. It is situated on a beautiful rural estate 8 miles north of LaPorte. Please visit www.lalumiere.org for additional information.

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