

COLUMBIA, **Ky.** -- *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, the classic horror story by Robert Louis Stevenson, will be brought to life on stage by the Lindsey Wilson College Theatre Program.

It will be presented at **7 p.m. CT Oct. 28-30** and **2 p.m. CT Nov. 1** in V.P. Henry Auditorium, 210 Lindsey Wilson St.

The script, which is based on the 1886 novella *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, was written by LWC Assistant Professor of Theatre Robert Brock, who is also the production's director.

"The book is just fascinating," Brock said. "Extremely well written, it's real intense, powerful. My adaption really stays as close to the book as I could in terms of making a piece for theatre."

One way Brock tries to stay true to the source is by featuring two different actors to play the roles of Jekyll and Hyde.

"There have been a number of theatrical versions of this, and everyone that I've seen has the actor playing Jekyll just morph a little bit, change his posture, and maybe the way he talks and become Hyde," Brock said. "But in the book, it is very clear Hyde is smaller than Jekyll, different looking. They are like two different people. And so we're using two different people."

The story of Jekyll and Hyde is one that still hits close to home today regarding the conflict between the good and evil sides of human nature and addiction, Brock said. It comes from a period that explored these issues deeply through its literature.

"We all have propensities to good and propensities to what must be called evil," Brock said.

"And so this is a study in what if those weren't so mingled up like they are in everybody, but they could be separated, and the evil could become pure evil. Would that release the good to be unencumbered by evil?"

Over the course of the story, Dr. Jekyll lets his experiments take control of and destroy his life.

"So it's certainly a cautionary tale for now," Brock said. "It has everything to do with a whole lot going on. Addiction, evil, all these different things."

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