

A VAMPIRE STORY

by
**MOIRA
BUFFINI**

Performed by the **PTE**
YOUNG COMPANY

SHOWTIMES:

Friday, December 11 - 7:30pm

Saturday, December 12 - 2pm & 7:30pm

TICKETS:

\$8 adults/\$5 students & seniors

Available through **PTE**

box office 942-5483 and at the door

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PTE Young Company takes on Twilight

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA – There's no question, vampires are a hot commodity right now. From *Twilight* to *True Blood*, vampires are taking the world by storm. Now, the craze is sweeping through Winnipeg with Prairie Theatre Exchange School's Young Company performance of *A Vampire Story*.

The play begins when two young women arrive in a British small town. Their names are not their own and they don't declare their ages. When one of the women confesses she is a vampire who has survived the last 200 years by drinking human blood, everyone thinks she is mad. Then, people start disappearing. Are Eleanor and Claire vampires? Or are they troubled young women on the run?

"The script asks a lot of the cast," explains director Raye Anderson. "The playwright recognizes the creative intelligence of young actors by creating complex, layered characters. It's very ambiguous, and we've had fun figuring out how to interpret it."

PTE's Young Company consists of a cast of 11 advanced students, ages 14-18, who meet twice weekly, plus rehearsals and performances, to hone their craft and prepare for live performances in the Colin Jackson Studio Theatre. The focus of the company is to encourage students to further their talents and skills, generate and encourage new work, and develop production knowledge. Admission to the Company is by audition and interview.

Written by award-winning writer Moira Buffini, *A Vampire Story* takes a witty, dark and shocking look at truth, identity, and humanity's endless need to consume. *A Vampire Story* has recently been announced for adaptation from Number 9 Films and re-titled *Byzantium*.

Show times for *A Vampire Story* are Friday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students/seniors or \$8 for adults and are available through the PTE box office (942-5483) and at the door (3rd floor, Portage Place).

Prairie Theatre Exchange is a professional theatre company in the heart of Downtown Winnipeg. PTE is one of the largest professional arts organizations in Manitoba with an excellent national reputation. PTE School has been providing quality theatre education for over 37 years.