



PARK SQUARE THEATRE

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DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE

By Jeffrey Hatcher

Directed by David Mann

January 23-February 8, 2009 (Previews January 16-22)

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20 W. Seventh Place, Saint Paul

Tickets: \$15-39

Box office: 651-291-7005 or www.parksquaretheatre.org

JEFFREY HATCHER PRESUMES NEW IDENTITIES FOR DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE

Saint Paul, Minn. – In Jeffrey Hatcher’s retelling of DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE, transformation takes on a whole new meaning. The classic Robert Louis Stevenson tale still retains the central conflicts of good vs. evil and civilization vs. savagery, but in Hatcher’s version, the menacing Mr. Hyde is played by four actors – including one female.

Park Square Theatre presents the regional debut of DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE, directed by **David Mann**, from January 23 through February 8, 2009 (previews begin January 16). **Steve Hendrickson** plays the “good” Dr. Henry Jekyll. Edward Hyde is portrayed by **Alan Sorenson, Peter Christian Hansen, Jean Salo** and **Stephen D’Ambrose** (who appeared in the January 2008 world premiere co-produced by the Arizona Theatre Company and San Jose Repertory). The four actors also portray several other characters in the play. **Emily Gunyou Halaas** is cast as Elizabeth Jelkes, Hyde’s mistress. The production is designed by **Michael Hoover** (scenic), **Michael P. Kittel** (lighting), **Montana Johnson** (sound), **A. Emily Heaney** (costume) and **Sarah Holmberg** (properties).

Reviewed as “a dark and disturbing story liberally peppered with humor,” Richard Cook, Park Square Theatre’s Artistic Director, described the Victorian-set production as “more than a narrative retelling of the classic tale. Hatcher’s Jekyll and Hyde has a contemporary sensibility that is inventive and clever.”

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Gaining in international prominence, local talent **Jeffrey Hatcher** writes for both stage and screen. His past accomplishments include screenplays for *The Duchess* (2008 film with Kiera Knightly) and *Casanova* (2005 film with Heath Ledger), and plays *Tuesdays with Morrie* (with Mitch Albom), *Three Viewings*, *Scotland Road*, *The Turn of the Screw*, *Neddy* and *Murder by Poe*. *A Picasso* won Philadelphia's 2003 Barrymore Award for Best New Play.

DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE opens Friday, January 23, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. (previews begin Friday, January 16 with a 99¢ preview on Tuesday, January 20). Performances are Thursdays-Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. with 2:00 p.m. matinees on Sundays through February 8. All performances are in the company's intimate theater in Saint Paul's historic Hamm Building, 20 W. Seventh Place. Tickets are \$34 on Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays; and \$37 on Saturdays (with opening night at \$39). Group, senior, and special prices for those 30 and under are also offered. Tickets are available at 651-291-7005 or online www.parksquaretheatre.org.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>JANUARY</u>					16 (P) 7:30pm \$20	17 (P) 7:30pm \$20
18 2:00pm \$20		20 (P) 7:30pm 99¢ Preview	21 (P, G, D) 7:30pm \$20	22 (P) 7:30pm \$20	23 (O) 7:30pm \$39	24 7:30pm \$37
25 2:00pm \$34				29 (D) 7:30pm \$34	30 7:30pm \$34	31 (A) 7:30pm \$37
<u>FEBRUARY</u>				5 7:30pm \$34	6 7:30pm \$34	7 7:30pm \$37
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8 (C) 2:00pm \$34						

O=Opening D=Post-show discussion G=Out²: GLBT Night A=ASL/AD C=Closing

Park Square Theatre's 2008-09 season opened to a near sold-out run of **THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG** and features five area premieres including **DEFIANCE** by John Patrick Shanley; Park Square Theatre's first ever holiday show, **JACOB MARLEY'S CHRISTMAS CAROL**; Jeffrey Hatcher's **DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE**, directed by David Mann; the acclaimed musical **GREY GARDENS**, co-produced with Ordway Center for the Performing Arts; and **I HAVE BEFORE ME A REMARKABLE DOCUMENT GIVEN TO ME BY A YOUNG LADY FROM RWANDA**, directed by Warren C. Bowles; as well a reprise of **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**. The season concludes with Agatha Christie's **SPIDER'S WEB**.