



## Synetic Theater

DC's Premier Physical Theater

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## Synetic Theater reinvents its classic 2005 hit *Dracula*!

### *Dracula*

Based on the novel by Bram Stoker

Directed by Paata Tsikurishvili

Choreographed by Irina Tsikurishvili

Script by Nathan Weinberger

Set and Costume design by Anastasia Simes

Fight Choreography by Ben Cunis

### October 16 - November 15, 2009

Thursdays - Saturdays at 8pm, Sundays at 3 p.m.

Additional matinee: October 31 at 3 p.m.

The Vampire's Ball: October 31 at 8 p.m.

Pay-What-You-Can preview: October 15, 2009 at 8 p.m.

**Opening/Press Night: October 16, 2009 at 8 p.m.**

Tickets: \$40-\$45 regular, \$35-\$40 senior and military, \$15-\$20 students

Order tickets: 800. 494.8497 or [www.synetictheater.org](http://www.synetictheater.org)

Location: Rosslyn Spectrum, 1611 N. Kent Street, Arlington, VA 22209.

**Arlington, VA** – Immediately following the extension of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Synetic Theater will reinvent and restage one of the most successful productions in its history. A smash hit both at The Kennedy Center and at the Rosslyn Spectrum, *Dracula* is back with fresh energy and vigor, applying new techniques, casting, and technical aspects to this classic. With new fights, costumes, and set, as well as Synetic's expertly drilled ensemble, *Dracula* is both thrilling and frightening.

Multiple Helen Hayes Award winners Paata and Irina Tsikurishvili lend their ferocious theatricality to the production, which stars Synetic's own Transylvanian native, Dan Istrate, as the titular Count, as well as company members Roger Payano, Natalie Berk, Alex Mills, Mary Werntz, Philip Fletcher, Irakli Kavsadze, Irina Koval, Stacey Jackson, Catalina Lavallo, Ryan Sellers, Chris Galindo, Ben Russo, and Vato Tsikurishvili. From vampiric wolves howling in the Transylvanian night to the erotic bloodlust of the demonic Count and his consorts, this is a *Dracula* that is not to be missed.

On October 31, Synetic invites you to its annual Vampire's Ball, which will be an elegantly haunting night to remember. Following the evening's performance of *Dracula* and a special *Dracula*-themed fashion show, join Synetic's renowned ensemble and artistic staff for a reception at the Rosslyn Spectrum with a live DJ-set by resident composer Konstantine Lortkipanidze. Costumes are



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encouraged, with special prizes awarded to the most daring and macabre. Tickets for the event are \$75 per-person and include a \$30 tax-deductible contribution to support Synetic Theater's Scholarship Fund.

### **About Synetic**

Synetic Theater is Washington DC's premier physical theater company. Founded in 2001 by the husband and wife team of Paata and Irina Tsikurishvili, Synetic seeks to advance and enrich the theater arts in the Nation's Capital through its unique performance style, which fuses the classical elements of drama, movement, dance, mime, and music into a distinct form of non-realistic theater. This form is simultaneously avant-garde and accessible, with a broad appeal to a wide, culturally diverse, and cross-generational audience.

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