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The Blue Room and  
Renegade Productions present

# Frankenstein or the Modern Prometheus

*It lives. It lives... and it is beautiful.*

Renegade Productions is breathing life into Mary Shelley's immortal tale *Frankenstein, or the Modern Prometheus*, 18 March – 4 April at The Blue Room.

In a departure from the iconic green monster of mainstream cinema, director and co-writer Joe Lui says Renegades' *Frankenstein* seeks the unrelenting tension and moral crisis that is the cornerstone of the classic horror novel.

"Don't get me wrong, I think the green monster is great... but there was something in the original text that the monster movies just haven't been able to capture," he says.

A whirlwind of love, rejection, violence and redemption leaves in its wake a trail of needless tragedy. In the mutual destruction of creator and creation, Shelley exposes the essence of humanity, and reminds us of the consequences of neglect.

Co-writer and designer Alexa Taylor adds: "In Shelley's novel the creation isn't born a monster - it is made one by the world in which it lives. The question of where the responsibility for this transition lies is not only interesting to us, but I think highly significant in our society today."

*Frankenstein* will be brought to the stage employing an intricate mix of performance art, physical theatre, and performative design that has become the signature of Renegade Productions (*The Stratagem of Interlocking Rings, in the shadow of the wild*).

This is the latest in a line of works by the Renegades to explore the uncomfortable aspects of being human. Come in, sit down, and perhaps you will find something you never knew was there.

**"The professionalism... is a credit to Lui, and also the fellow artists who form Renegade Productions"**  
– The West Australian

## Frankenstein, or the Modern Prometheus

Featuring Alexa Taylor, Paul Grabovac, Lily Newbury-Freeman, and Mikala Westall

(Preview Tuesday 17 March)

**Wednesday 18 March – Saturday 4 April**

Meet the Artists Wednesday 25 March

**8pm Tuesday – Saturday @ The Blue Room Theatre, 53 James St Northbridge**

Tickets: \$22 / \$15 concession. Blue Room members \$18 / \$12 concession.

**Bookings: 9227 7005 / [www.blueroom.org.au](http://www.blueroom.org.au)**

Images and interviews available upon request.

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