

PRESS RELEASE

DRACULA TALK FOR HALLOWEEN AT THE BRAMPTON

(Author Glenn James Gets his Teeth into Stokers Count)

Halloween this Year will see something a little bit special at the Brampton Museum and Art Gallery, as Newcastle Author Glenn Martin James will be giving a revealing talk on none other than the King of Vampires, Bram Stoker's Dracula.

As part of this year's season of talks hosted by The Friends of Brampton Museum, Glenn Martin James, (of May Bank, Newcastle under Lyme) is delighted to be invited to give his talk "**The Public Face of Dracula – Dracula's Image of Film.**" Staged especially for Halloween, this fascinating peek into the public image of the world's most famous fictional vampire looks at how he has been portrayed on film since he first hit the silver screen in the 1920's; Going from the sinister and deeply unsettling first portrayal of a vampire in "Nosferatu", through Bela Lugosi's world famous interpretation, Christopher Lee's black whirlwind of a Count, and looking at Gary Oldman's much loved romantic take on the legend in the 1990's.

It's an intriguing and revealing insight which reveals much about Bram Stokers inspiration for the appearance of his vampire, and how his work came to be adapted to film.

"What fascinated me" said Mr James, "is that a character who traditionally has no reflection has become world famous because of portrayals of them in film! Until movies came along, all we had was a description and illustrations."

"It took movies to make Dracula the huge successful cultural phenomena we have today, and the different portrayals of the character could be said to have something in common with Doctor Who: Each new film has a central character which IS Dracula, but each version is somewhat different, giving a different portrayal for each new generation, and different impacts on the actors who portray him. Poor Bela Lugosi was quite crushed by the role, whereas the original actor, Max Shrek (who played "Nosferatu") remains almost a complete mystery to this day. It's a fascinating story!"

Mr. James is an established Horror author and storyteller working in education, and is proud to have artwork of his own depicting the Count on show at The Whitby Dracula Experience. He is working on a book on the subject and will be exclusively showing original artwork on the afternoon.

The talk will be held on Halloween (Wednesday 31st October) between 2.00-4.00 at the Brampton Museum and Art Gallery, Newcastle-under-Lyme. Tickets are £4.00 and refreshments will be provided. The link to book tickets is as follows:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/258694004988472/>

Mr. James has attached copies of his artwork with this press release, and would be available for interviews. Please contact him via email at author@gmjames.co.uk of phone [01782 922 943](tel:01782922943).

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