

## New soundtrack for early silent horror film to be performed live on Halloween weekend



Local band Viola Dana will be presenting the Perth premiere of their new soundtrack for the seminal silent horror film *Nosferatu* live at Luna on SX as part of this year's Fremantle Festival.

Regular Fremantle Festival-goers might remember Viola Dana's sold out performance in 2013 of their live soundtracks for two Buster Keaton silent films and that of local student filmmaker, Oscar Cook, at Fremantle Prison. Returning to the Festival for 2015, Viola Dana will present the Perth premiere of their new soundtrack for *Nosferatu* for one screening only, not coincidentally chosen for the evening following Halloween.

Adapted from Bram Stoker's novel *Dracula*, FW Murnau's *Nosferatu: A Symphony of Horror* is a landmark piece of German expressionist cinema, and, some may argue, one of the most influential horror films from the history of the genre. Viola Dana member Kathy Corecig writes, "Despite being made 93 years ago, *Nosferatu* seems as spooky as ever and even fairly thematically relevant today! The fairly rudimentary visual effects by today's standards seem to lend a greater degree of eeriness to the film than something slick and realistic, and the themes of fear of the unknown – and of contamination – are universal and everlasting. The rich and soulful combination of the cello, viola, guitar and drums that makes up Viola Dana's sound naturally lends itself to illuminating *Nosferatu's* dark and brooding imagery. However, as a band that has worked solely on comedic films to date, we're forever trying to look for ways to musically bring in a bit of light-hearted perspective where it works!" Corecig has collaborated with Viola Dana drummer Pete Guazzelli to score this classic silent film.

Details for this unique classic film/live music event are as follows:

*Nosferatu* (FW Murnau, 1922, silent horror, 93 mins, tinted black and white, English version, rated PG)

Screening: Sunday 1 November, 7pm

Venue: Luna on SX, Essex St, Fremantle

Tickets: \$30 standard /\$20 student, senior or concession card holder plus \$1.50 booking fee available for purchase at [www.lunapalace.com.au](http://www.lunapalace.com.au)

(Release ends)

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For more information and high resolution images of the band and from the film, please contact Kathy Corecig at [k.corecig@gmail.com](mailto:k.corecig@gmail.com) or 0405106171, or visit <http://www.violadana.com/electronic-press-kit>