



## PRESS RELEASE

Classic horror film, *Nosferatu*, being shown at Stambaugh Auditorium with live organ accompaniment

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### For Immediate Release:

On Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm, Stambaugh Auditorium will present the classic, silent, horror film, *Nosferatu* featuring live organ accompaniment by Peter Richard Conte. While the film is free to the public, tickets are required. Tickets are available now through the Florence and Ward Beecher Box Office at Stambaugh Auditorium.

This classic, silent film follows the tale of Thomas Hutter as he tries to sell a house across from his own to the mysterious Count Orlok who lives in a remote Transylvania castle. During his visit with the Count, Hutter discovers strange behaviors by Orlok and begins to suspect that he may in fact be *Nosferatu*, a vampire. Orlok becomes fascinated by Hutter's wife after seeing a photo of her, and Hutter is hurt as he escapes returning to save his wife.

Shot in 1921 and originally released in 1922, *Nosferatu* was directed by F.W. Murnau. Unable to attain the rights to Bram Stoker's version of *Dracula*, the names and titles of characters were changed while the story's vampire premise remained. Stoker's family successfully sued and the ruling was that all copies of the film be destroyed. A few copies managed to survive. The film stars Max Schreck as Count Orlok, Gustav von Wangenheim as Thomas Hutter, and Greta Schroder as Ellen Hutter.

Peter Richard Conte is the Grand Court Organist of the Wanamaker Organ in Macy's located at City Center, Philadelphia, PA where he performs twice daily, six days a week. The Wanamaker Organ is a six-manual, 28,000 pipe instrument which is the largest fully functioning musical instrument in the world. Mr. Conte became the Grand Court Organist in 1989 and is just the fourth person to hold the title since the organ was first played in 1911. He previously performed at Stambaugh Auditorium with silent film accompaniment in 2014 for *Metropolis* and 2015 for *The Kid*.

This showing of *Nosferatu* is sponsored by PNC. Artist accommodations are sponsored by Courtyard Marriott Youngstown-Canfield. Tickets are available now. For more information or for tickets, visit [stambaughauditorium.com](http://stambaughauditorium.com) or call the Florence and Ward Beecher Box Office at Stambaugh Auditorium at 330-259-0555. The box office is open Monday through Friday, 9am-6pm and Saturday, 10am-2pm.

### About Stambaugh Auditorium:

Stambaugh Auditorium is a non-profit public auditorium which opened in 1926 through the generous gift of Youngstown area businessman Henry H. Stambaugh. The centerpiece of the complex is the Concert Hall which has a seating capacity of 2,553 and is renowned for its near perfect acoustics. The auditorium also features a 9,700-square-foot ballroom (Jeanne D. Tyler Grand Ballroom), a recital hall (Anne K. Christman Memorial Hall), and a formal garden at the southern end of the building, all of which can be rented for public, business, or private functions. The venue welcomes national and international performers on a regular basis while also hosting local and regional events many of which use the Florence and Ward Beecher Box Office to sell and distribute tickets. Stambaugh Auditorium was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.