MARY SHELLEY WROTE
FRANKENSTEIN
IN BATH
1816*
WALK HER FOOTSTEPS
NIGHTLY SHOWS
7.30PM • 16 JUNE – 30 SEPT 2016
FRANKENSTEIN’s birth is famous

On 16th June 1816, as the lightning flashed and the thunder rolled, Lord Byron read horror stories to his guests in the Villa Diodati on the shores of Lake Geneva. Then he challenged them to write their own. And Mary Shelley created FRANKENSTEIN…

But how FRANKENSTEIN developed —and the crucial role of Bath in the story—is almost unknown.

In August Mary Shelley returned to England. By 10th September she was in Bath where she stayed over four months and completed her first draft of FRANKENSTEIN. Meanwhile a series of real life disasters unfolded all around her.

* Mary Shelley wrote most of FRANKENSTEIN in Bath during 1816
FRANKENSTEIN IN BATH is a theatrical walking tour of some extraordinary locations, all of them unmarked

- Where Mary Shelley wrote most of FRANKENSTEIN
- Where Mary’s father stayed while he tried to hush up the news of her half sister’s suicide
- Where Mary’s mother, Mary Wollstonecraft, lived
- Where Percy Shelley’s first wife fled when he left her for Mary
- Where her step sister gave birth to Lord Byron’s child, and the route Mary walked to visit her
- The Shelleys’ mystery Bath address that doesn’t exist

YOU’LL ALSO FIND OUT

† The real reason Mary Shelley came to Bath and why she stayed so long
† About the second family suicide whilst she was here
† The other secrets Mary and her companions were desperate to hide
† How the Oxford Guide to Literary Britain got it wrong
† Bristol’s role in this dark story—a new discovery
† What FRANKENSTEIN is really about
THE WALK
Start/end at Rebecca’s Fountain ➔ at the side of Bath Abbey
The route is about a mile (75 mins), all on the flat with frequent pauses
Not recommended for under 12s

TOURS NIGHTLY
16 June—30 September, starts 7.30pm – walks go rain or shine
ALL TICKETS £8  Cash only. No advance booking. PLEASE CONTACT US FOR PRIVATE TOURS

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“Hilarious… fantastic”
“History comes to life! Fresh air and exercise!”
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FRANKENSTEIN IN BATH researched, written & produced by Sheila Hannon. Performers include Annette Chown & Sheila Hannon.

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