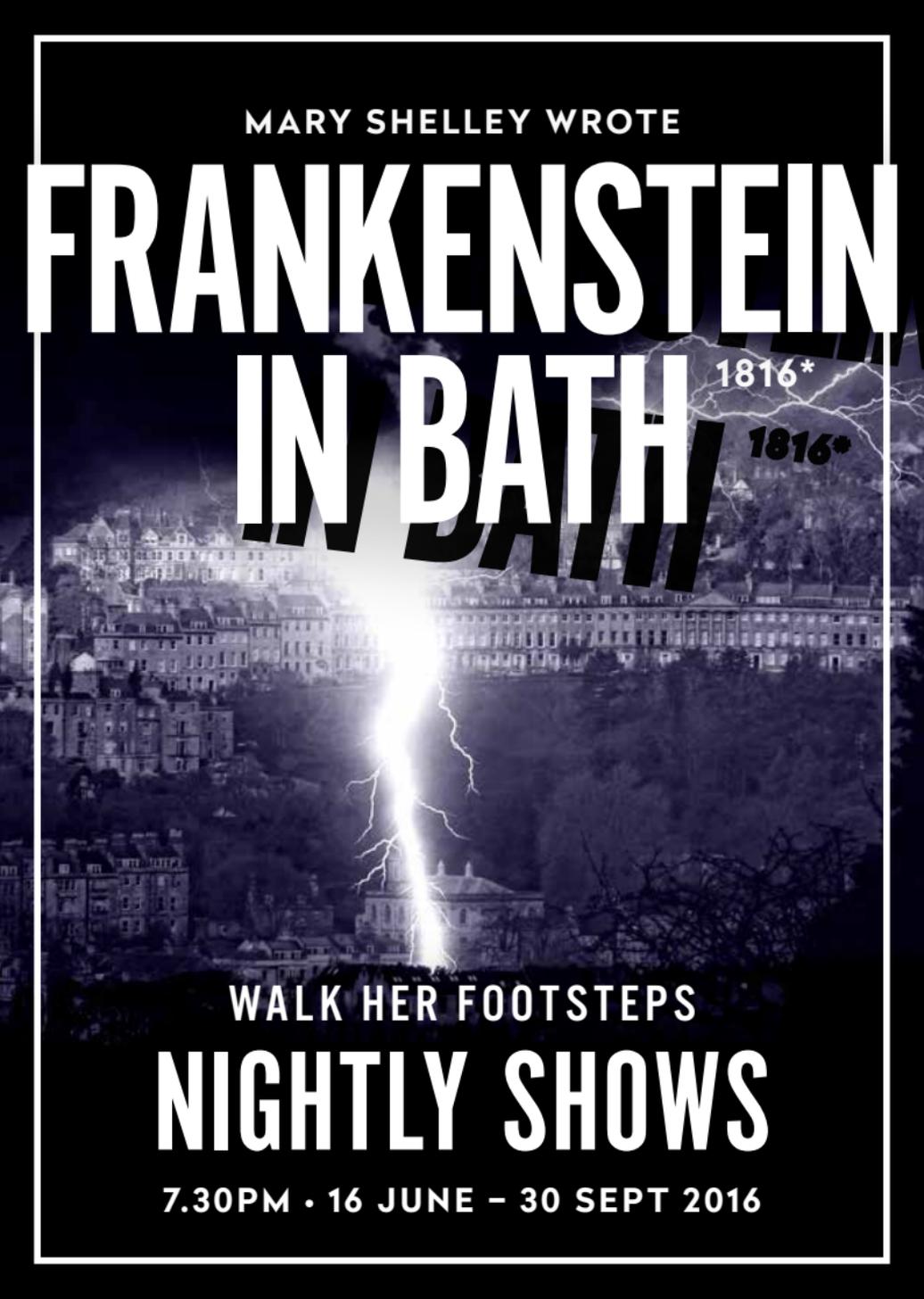


MARY SHELLEY WROTE

FRANKENSTEIN IN BATH



1816*

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WALK HER FOOTSTEPS

NIGHTLY SHOWS

7.30PM • 16 JUNE – 30 SEPT 2016

* *Mary Shelley wrote most of*

FRANKENSTEIN in Bath during 1816

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.



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.
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What people said about our Bristol Walking Tour

“Great way to tell people about the area.”

“Hilarious... fantastic”

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*“Brilliant, far more artistic and enjoyable than football...
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