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# Media Advisory

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## **Classic 1931 Dracula to be shown at Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery on October 2 with Proceeds to Benefit the Cemetery Fence Restoration Project**

**WHAT:** [Take-Up Productions](#) is proud to present George Melford's classic Spanish language *Dracula* (1931, HD), as a benefit for the beautiful and historic Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery. Presented in Spanish with English subtitles, the proceeds from the performance will help support the Friends of the Cemetery's efforts to restore the historic steel and limestone pillar fence that serves as the border of the cemetery along Lake Street and Cedar Avenue.

Doors open at 5:30 pm, the movie will begin at 7:30 pm. Attendees who arrive early will be able to experience the historic cemetery, do a smart phone history hunt, and enjoy a trailer reel with ads and trailers from other Universal horror films. Food will be available for purchase during the event from Taco Taxi food truck. Coolers, alcoholic beverages, pets, and/or video-taping will not be allowed during the event. Attendees are welcome to bring blankets and lawn chairs however, the area immediately in front of the stage will be reserved as a chair-free zone.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 2, 2013  
Gates open: 5:30 pm  
Showtime: 7:30 pm  
Tickets: \$5 (kids under 12 are free) and can be purchased in advance online at Brown Paper Tickets: [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/444947](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/444947). Tickets will also be sold at the door for cash only; credit cards will not be accepted as payment the day of the event.  
Rain date: October 9, 2013 at 7:00 pm

**WHERE:** Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery, 2925 Cedar Avenue, Minneapolis. On-street parking is available; no parking allowed in the cemetery. Using public transportation or biking to get to the event is encouraged as the Lake Street light rail stop is a short walk from the cemetery and it is also easily accessible from multiple bike routes.

**MORE:** **About Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery:** Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery, established in 1853 and originally named Layman's Cemetery, is the oldest cemetery in Minneapolis. It is also a [Minneapolis landmark](#) and the only cemetery in Minnesota that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is the final resting place of over 21,000 pioneers, veterans, and immigrants. It contains the graves of some of the first settlers of the city, many of whom made major contributions to local history; soldiers and veterans of the War of 1812, the Dakota Conflict, the Civil War, the Mexican American War, the Spanish-American War, and World War I; mid to late nineteenth century European immigrants, early African American citizens, and abolitionists. Notable individuals buried in the cemetery include Philander Prescott, Charles W. Christmas, and William Goodridge. In 1925, a group began to organize to save the cemetery for its historical importance. The group's effort is recognized as an early, local attempt at historic preservation.

**One of the Ten Most Endangered Historic Places:** In 2008, to raise awareness about the challenges of maintaining this landmark, the [Preservation Alliance of Minnesota](#) placed the cemetery on its "[Ten Most Endangered Historic Places](#)" list. Today, the cemetery is in need of substantial capital improvements. The most immediate of those is the restoration of the historic fence that lines the cemetery on Lake Street and Cedar Avenue. The steel fence is 1,953 linear feet and contains 3,510 pickets within 67 sections.

**Fence Restoration Project Update:** The [fence restoration project](#) is 75 percent complete. In January 2012, Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery was awarded a Minnesota Historical and Cultural Program grant in the amount of \$150,000 to help with Phase IV, which completely restored the Lake Street fence sections. Funds are being raised to complete Phase V, which will restore the remaining 16 sections along Cedar Avenue.

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