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Monstrous family fun hits the NAC

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A play about failure may not seem like a fun time for the family, but John Caffery promises that by the end of *Monster Makers*, audiences are always laughing.

“The play has been done in many places and by the end of it children are laughing and screaming and singing and I don’t think anyone left in a bad mood or feeling

defeated by the idea of failure,” says Caffery. In the play running at the NAC from March 24 to April 1 he has the role of the Sad Scientist.

“I play a sad scientist who has created a monster and I’m one of the biggest failures in the world, because I’ve created a monster and he’s not at all scary and all I want is to have a scary monster.”

The scientist enlists the help of the audience to help teach the monster how to be scary Caffery says. The brainchild of the Mammalian Diving Reflex performance group, the play explores the idea of failure with the audience in a fun way and gives them a hands-on and interactive experience, says Caffery. While failure is seen as a negative part of life it’s an inevitability that everyone must learn to deal with he says.

“The more we look at it as a part of life the more we can have fun with it,” he says.