

HOUSE OF BARDS THEATRE COMPANY

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MACBETH Cast Announced at House of Bards Theatre Company Opening October 11 with René O'Connor and Jed Sura

LOS ANGELES, California – October 7, 2019 – House of Bards Theatre Company has announced the cast of their first production, Shakespeare's dynamic drama *Macbeth* directed by Michael Richey. The new company, headed by television and film actors and producers René O'Connor and Jed Sura, opens their inaugural show on October 11 at the Grand Annex located in the Arts District of San Pedro, California.

No stranger to iconic roles, O'Connor is taking on the formidable Lady Macbeth. O'Connor is best known as Gabrielle, Xena's trusted sidekick on the tremendously popular fantasy series *Xena: Warrior Princess*. Other credits include roles on *Criminal Minds*, *Hercules: The Legendary Journeys*, and *NYPD Blue*. On stage, she recently starred in the Los Angeles premiere of Steven Dietz's *On Clover Road* and played Nurse in the Southern Shakespeare Festival's production of *Romeo and Juliet*. O'Connor reprises the role of Lady Macbeth after a 2002 production with Shakespeare by the Sea.

Sura plays one of theater's boldest but ultimately most tragic roles, Macbeth. Sura also appeared in *On Clover Road*, with television roles on *Grey's Anatomy*, *Criminal Minds*, and *Masters of Sex*. He also co-produced and starred in the independent feature film *Watch the Sky* with O'Connor.

The cast includes: Brendan Kane (First Witch), Courtney King (Second Witch), Iris Sura (Third Witch), Steven L. Sears (Duncan, Mentieth), Miles Muir (Macduff, Warrior), Chris Clabaugh (Malcolm), Garrett Noone (Donalbain, Warrior), Philip Prendergast (Lennox, Warrior), Blake Parnell (Murderer 1, Seyton, Warrior), Stephen Alan Carver (Ross, Warrior), Allen Barstow (Banquo), Jacob Nye (Messenger/Servant, Warrior), Declan Sullivan (Fleance), Andy Kallock (Porter, Caithness), Jason Cook (Bleeding Captain, Old Man, Doctor), Anne Elise Doherty (Nurse), Jon Cates (Siward, Murderer 2, Warrior), and Cam Caddell (Lady Macduff).

Director Michael Richey was a principal member of the acting faculty at The Florida State University School of Theatre, training actors at both the Tallahassee and London campuses. His directing credits include *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *Steel Magnolias*, *Romeo and Juliet*, and the regional premiere of *Proof*.

Macbeth runs October 11 through November 3. Tickets range from \$20-60 and can be purchased online at www.grandvision.org, with special ticket packages available by phone at 310-833-4813. VIP Deck Tables are also available which include a production poster signed by the cast. School groups are encouraged to attend, with special 10:00am field trip shows available to arrange.

Founded in 2019, House of Bards Theatre Company's mission is to produce classical and contemporary professional theatre, to entertain and educate audiences of all ages, to challenge individual viewpoints, and to cultivate an appreciation of great literature.

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CALENDAR LISTING *MACBETH*

Shakespeare's electrifying drama about Scottish general Macbeth who receives a prophecy from a trio of witches that he one day he will become King of Scotland. Consumed by ambition and spurred to action by powerful Lady Macbeth, he begins a violent spree in an attempt to take the Scottish throne for himself.

Dates:

October 11 – November 3, 2019

Opening Night:

Friday, October 11, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Performance Times:

Friday, October 11, 2019 at 7:30

Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 2:00

Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 7:30

Friday, October 18, 2019 at 7:30

Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 2:00

Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 7:30

Friday, October 25, 2019 at 7:30

Thursday, October 31, 2019 at 7:30

Friday, November 1, 2019, at 7:30

Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 2:00

Prices:

\$30 General Admission

\$40 Reserved Seating

\$60 VIP Deck Table Seating, with a signed production poster

\$20 Student, using code 3WITCHES and presenting valid student ID at door

Grand Annex

San Pedro's Arts District

434 West 6th Street, San Pedro CA 90731

Ticket Range: \$20 - \$60

https://grandvision.secure.force.com/ticket/#details_a0S4600007PwKnEAK

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