SHAKESPEARE AT WINEDALE PRESENTS

JULIUS CAESAR

APRIL 24
7 PM

APRIL 27 & 28
7 PM
Tonight's performance is the culmination of a semester of work by the students of E321P: Shakespeare Through Performance. These students have studied Shakespeare and politics from a variety of perspectives, reading, writing, discussing, and performing, both at the University of Texas at Austin and on weekends at the Winedale Historical Center.

ABOUT US

Shakespeare at Winedale is a program of the University of Texas at Austin English Department that invites students from all disciplines to learn about Shakespeare through the intensive experience of performing his works. Since 1970, hundreds of students have taken the stage in the Winedale Theatre Barn, using all their intelligence, creativity and passion to bring these plays to life. Students in the course dedicate themselves to the principles of Shakespeare's own theatre: a bare stage, a creative ensemble, a focus on the text, and an appeal to the imagination of the audience.

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DRAMATIS PERSONAE

JULIUS CAESAR..................................................................................Angus McLeod
CICERO, senator.............................................................................Christine Thorne-Thomsen
PUBLIUS, senator.............................................................................Lucy Alejos
POPILLIUS LENA, senator................................................................Katherine Kloc
MARCUS BRUTUS (1.1-3.1), conspirator against Julius Caesar........Megan Rabuse
MARCUS BRUTUS (3.2-5.5), conspirator against Julius Caesar....Casey Nice
CAIUS CASSIUS (1.1-3.1), conspirator against Julius Caesar........Alexander Fischer
CAIUS CASSIUS (3.2-5.5), conspirator against Julius Caesar.......Andrew Eaton
CASCA, conspirator against Julius Caesar.....................................Christopher McMichael
TREBONIUS, conspirator against Julius Caesar...........................Andrew Eaton
CAIUS LIGARIUS, conspirator against Julius Caesar....................Richard Griffin
DECIUS BRUTUS, conspirator against Julius Caesar......................David Sambrano
METELLUS CIMBER, conspirator against Julius Caesar...............Sam Strum
CINNA, conspirator against Julius Caesar.....................................Cole Cable
PORTIA, wife to Brutus.................................................................Elissa Russell
CALPURNIA, wife to Caesar.........................................................Michelle Kieman
OCTAVIUS CAESAR, triumvir after Death of Julius Caesar.........Lucy Alejos
MARK ANTONY (1.1-3.1), triumvir after Death of Julius Caesar...Niru Anya
MARK ANTONY (3.2-5.5), triumvir after Death of Julius Caesar...Harrison Harvey
LEPIDUS, triumvir after Death of Julius Caesar............................Elissa Russell
FLAVIUS, tribune..........................................................................Katherine Kling
MURELLUS, tribune.......................................................................Katherine Kloc
ARTEMIDORUS, friend to Caesar..................................................Casey Nice
A SOOTHSAYER.............................................................................Anne Norman
CINNA the Poet.............................................................................Richard Griffin
LUCILLIUS, friend to Brutus and Cassius.....................................Katherine Kling
TITINIUS, friend to Brutus and Cassius........................................Cole Cable
MESSALA, friend to Brutus and Cassius.......................................Christine Thorne-Thomsen
YOUNG CATO, friend to Brutus and Cassius.................................David Sambrano
VOLUMNIUS, friend to Brutus and Cassius..................................Niru Anya
VARRUS, servant to Brutus.........................................................Christopher McMichael
CLITUS, servant to Brutus............................................................Megan Rabuse
CLAUDIO, servant to Brutus.........................................................Elissa Russell
STRATOS, servant to Brutus........................................................Michelle Kieman
LUCIUS, servant to Brutus.............................................................Mi Kang
DARDANIIUS, servant to Brutus....................................................Alexander Fischer
PINDARUS, servant to Cassius.......................................................Richard Griffin
SERVANT TO CAESAR.................................................................Katherine Kling
SERVANT TO ANTONY........................................................................................................Harrison Harvey
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A COBBLER..................................................................................................................Lucy Alejos
A CARPENTER...............................................................................................................Casey Nice
A POET..........................................................................................................................David Sambrano
MESSENGER..................................................................................................................Sam Strum
PLEBEIANS......................................................................................................................Sam Strum, Niru Anya, Mi Kang, Anne Norman, Katherine Kloc, and the 2012 Spring Class
SOLDIERS.........................................................................................................................Sam Strum, Christopher McMichael, Michelle Kieman, Katherine Kloc, Anne Norman

PLAY SYNOPSIS

The play opens as all of Rome empties into the streets to celebrate and welcome a triumphant Julius Caesar returning from war. Caesar, who is worshiped by the masses, is cautioned by a soothsayer to “beware the ides of March.” Caesar brushes off the diviner’s warnings and proceeds to greet his adoring public.

Meanwhile, Cassius begins persuading Marcus Brutus that Caesar intends to become ruler of their free Rome. The men hear shouting and discover that Mark Antony has offered Caesar a crown. Cassius decides to send anonymous letters to Brutus to trick him into thinking that the people fear Caesar’s ascent to power.

Later that night, a group of conspirators gather at Brutus’ house and plot to murder Caesar. They contemplate assassinating Mark Antony as well, but Brutus persuades them to let Antony live. Portia, Brutus’ wife, wakes up and begs him to share his troubles with her.

After a series of dark and portentous omens, the ides of March arrives. Caesar’s wife Calpurnia, who has had nightmares foreseeing her husband’s death, begs Caesar to stay home. The conspirators arrive, however, and persuade Caesar to go. After arriving at the Senate, Caesar is stabbed to death by the conspirators.

After Caesar’s death, Brutus speaks to the people and convinces them that the conspirators acted on their behalf, to protect them from tyranny and to preserve their freedom. After his speech however, Mark Antony sways the crowd with emotional rhetoric, inciting a mob and sparking a civil war. Brutus and Cassius flee the city.

Mark Antony forms an alliance with Lepidus and Octavius who agree to transform Republican Rome into a triumvirate if they win the war. Cassius and Brutus are reunited, and agree to commit suicide if they lose in battle. The dogs of war are unleashed; the fate of Rome hangs in the balance.
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