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Department of Theatre and Dance
2008 – 2009 Season

Never the Sinner
Studio Theatre
Director: Stephen Trovillion Smith
October 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19
(ActF entry)

HAIR
Jenkins Theatre
Director: Tim Howard
November 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22

Afterimages
Studio Theatre
December 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12

40 Days
Studio Theatre
Director: Tyler Marchant
February 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15

The Little Foxes
Jenkins Theatre
Director: Jeffrey Stephens
February 27, 28, March 1, 5, 6, 7

She Loves Me
Studio Theatre
Director: tba
April 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18

Danstage - 2009
Jenkins Theatre
May 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9
Lend Me a Tenor
October 12 – 14 and 18 - 21
Studio Theatre

URINETOWN
The Musical
November 2 – 4 and 7 – 10
Jenkins Theatre

Afterimages
December 6 – 8
Jenkins Theatre

The Fifth of July
February 8 – 10 and 14 – 17
Studio Theatre

Julius Caesar
February 29 – March 2 and 6 – 8
Jenkins Theatre

Danstage 2008
April 11 – 13 and 17 – 20
Studio Theatre

Baby
May 2 – 4 and 7 – 10
Jenkins Theatre

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Last year I directed a very traditional production of ROMEO AND JULIET that had only three major roles for women (although I suppose in a VERY traditional staging there would be no roles for women at all). One of the main reasons I chose to direct a modern conceptualization of JULIUS CAESAR this year is that by doing so I could believably cast women in many of the roles traditionally played by men so that they could have a crack at the Bard as well. Hence Mark Antony becomes Antonia (still fits the meter!) and we have a Hillary Clinton figure made to order.

There’s a lot of such contemporary relevance in this play. Just as Shakespeare’s audiences found relevance in the story of a ruler with no biological heir and the instability that follows his death, so we find relevance in the story of a proud republic that has begun to stumble and chooses a strong man who promises security. The outcome of that choice is a war that takes place in the Middle East and destabilizes the world as we/to they know/knew it.

Of course, setting Shakespeare’s plays in modern dress isn’t new. In Shakespeare’s own time the actors would have worn contemporary Elizabethan clothing with a simple accessory (a spear, a cloth representing a toga) to illustrate the setting. I’m sure our costume designer, Susan Sherwin, who has had to come up with everything from camouflage helmets to a bloodstain-proof white suit, looks with envy upon that theatrical epoch that had yet to invent the director, much less the director with a “vision.” All of our designers and technicians, both faculty and student, have worked hard and well to create a world that is neither America nor Italy, neither classical nor contemporary but a place that in sci-fi novels is called “an alternate universe.” I dedicate this production to their amazing creativity and hope that together we have managed to illuminate the play’s text in a way that speaks powerfully to our time.

-Stephen Trovillion Smith
The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Department of Theatre & Dance

Presents

JULIUS CAESAR

Directed by Stephen Trovillion Smith*

Costume Designer
Susan Sherwin*

Sound Designer
Mercer Aplin

Lighting Designer
Gary G. Olsen*

Stage Manager
Christopher Pheiffer

Properties Designer
Sarah Roser

Scenic Designer
Joseph Hannon

Fight Director
H. Russ Brown**

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**Julius Caesar**

**The Cast**

Julius Caesar............................................Christopher Wuelling
Calpurnia, wife of Caesar..........................Meagan Gilliland
Members of the Triumvirate after the death of Julius Caesar
Antonia, friend of Caesar...........................Casiena Raether
Octavius Caesar, adopted heir of Caesar............Jesse L. Cyr
Lepidus....................................................Joseph Nowinski

**Senators**

Cicero.....................................................James Hansen
Publia....................................................Maureen Hennigan
Popilia Lena...........................................Kayla Provisor

**Conspirators against Julius Caesar**

Marcus Brutus........................................James Roland Freer
Cassius...............................................Matt Briggs
Casca................................................Thomas Bevan
Trebonius...........................................Alexander Taylor Mace
Caius Ligarius......................................Joel Heimerman
Decia Brutus......................................Amanda Petersen
Metella Cimber......................................Meggan Utech
Cinna................................................Tricia Collenburg
The Cast (continued)

Portia, wife of Brutus.................................Karina Lathrop
Lucius, son of Portia, stepson to Brutus..............Creg Sclavi
Marulla, a political commentator opposed to Caesar...Ali Gilbertson
Artemidorus, a reporter, supporter of Caesar.........Dan Olson
Cinna, a poet..................................................Angela Ferlo
Personal Assistant to Antonia.........................Emily McCarthy
Personal Assistant to Octavius.........................Andrea Boehlke
Caesar's Bodyguards...............................Arne Parrott, Jacob Janssen

The Army of Brutus and Cassius

Titinius.......................................................Jacob Janssen
Messala.......................................................Patrick O'Donnell
Pindarus......................................................Kaitlin Chin
Lucilius........................................................Dan Olson
Cato.............................................................Michael Gastaldi
Volumnius.....................................................James Hansen
Clitus..........................................................Katie Debs
Strato.........................................................Joel Heimerman
Dardanius....................................................Ali Daniels

Meet the Company (continued)

Olson, Dan (Artemidorus; Lucilius; Forum Citizen) Freshman, BFA Acting Major from Ripon, WI.
Palmer, Ashley (Assistant Costume Designer) Freshman, BFA Design/Tech Major from Milwaukee, WI.
Parrott, Arne (Citizen #3; Bodyguard) Sophomore, BA/BS Drama Major from Dousman, WI.
Petersen, Amanda (Decia Brutus; Forum Citizen) Senior, BFA Musical Theatre Major from Neenah, WI. Recipient of the Roger Nelson Musical Theatre Scholarship.
Pheiffer, Christopher (Stage Manager) BFA Design/Tech Major from Adams, WI. Recipient of the Anne Gilfrey Schierl Award for Outstanding Freshman in Design Tech.
Prestly, Derek (House Manager) BFA Musical Theatre Major from Minnetonka, MN.
Provisor, Kayla (Popilia Lena; Forum Citizen) Sophomore, BFA Acting Major from Stevens Point, WI.
Raether, Casiena (Antonia - Mark Antony) BFA Acting Major from Rockford, IL.
Sclavi, Creg (Lucius; Riot Policeman; Cameraman) Freshman, BFA Musical Theatre Major from Fond du Lac, WI.
Theune, Michael (Waiter; Second Octavius Assistant; Second Soldier) Sophomore, BFA Acting Major from Sheboygan, WI.
Ulrich, Kyle (Senator; First Soldier; Forum Citizen) Freshman, BFA Acting Major from Rudolph, WI
Utech, Meggan (Metella Cimber; Forum Citizen) Sophomore, BFA Musical Theatre Major from Hartford, WI. Recipient of the Theatre Arts Musical Theatre Scholarship.
Younger, Kaitlin (Properties Technician) BA/BS Drama Major from Menasha, WI.
Wuelling, Christopher (Julius Caesar; Ghost) Senior, BFA Musical Theatre Major from Green Bay, WI. Recipient of the Theatre Arts Scholarship in Musical Theatre.
Meet the Company (continued)

Frost, Scott (Properties Technician) BFA Design/Tech Major from Kenosha, WI.

Gastaldi, Michael (Waiter; Cato; Forum Citizen) Junior, BFA Musical Theatre Major from Kenosha, WI.

Gilbertson, Ali (Marulla; Forum Citizen) Senior, BFA Acting Major from Slinger, WI. Recipient of the Anne Gilfrey Schierl Award for Outstanding Freshman in Acting.

Gilliland, Meagan (Calpurnia; Riot Policewoman) Senior, BFA Acting Major from Fond du Lac, WI.

Hannan, Joseph (Scenic Designer) Senior, BFA Design/Tech Major from DePere, WI. Recipient of the James Vorland Technical Theatre Scholarship and Baruch Bridgeman Award for Outstanding Achievement-Players.

Heimerman, Joel (Ligarius; Strato; Forum Citizen) Senior, BFA Acting Major from Green Bay, WI.

Hennigan, Maureen (Publia; Cassius’ Communications Adjutant; Forum Citizen) Sophomore, BFA Acting Major from Shawano, WI.

Janssen, Jacob (Bodyguard; Citizen #1; Titinius) Junior, BFA Acting Major from Kiel, WI. Recipient of the Anne Gilfrey Schierl Outstanding Freshman in Acting Award and the Festival of the Arts Scholarship.

Lathrop, Karina (Portia, Riot Policewoman) Senior, BFA Acting Major from Shorewood, WI.

Mace, Alexander Taylor (Trebonius; Forum Citizen) Junior, BFA Acting Major from Shawano, WI.

McCarthy, Emily (Senator; Antonia’s Assistant; Forum Citizen) Junior, BFA Acting Major from Madison, WI.

McMonagle, Elizabeth (House Manager) Junior, BFA Musical Theatre Major from DePere, WI.

Nowinski, Joseph (Lepidus; Citizen #5) Junior, BFA Acting Major, History Minor from Chicago Ridge, IL.

O’Donnell, Patrick (Senator; Citizen #2; Messala) Sophomore, BFA Acting Major from De Pere, WI. Recipient of the Anne Gilfrey Schierl Award for the Outstanding Freshman in Acting.

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The Army of Antonia and Octavius

First Soldier..............................................................Kyle Ulrich

Second Soldier..............................................................Michael Theune

Communications Adjutant...............................................Rachel Anderson

Other Citizens, Senators, Police, Waiters, etc.............................................................The Ensemble

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SETTING

Rome, the capital of a failing republic; then, the Middle East near Sardis and Philippi

There will be one ten-minute intermission.
Production Staff

Assistant Stage Managers.................Ben Kern and Derek Prestly
Associate Lighting Designer..................Jasmine Campbell
Assistant Lighting Designer....................Kyle Coyer
Properties Technician......................Kaitlin Young and Scott Frost
Fight Captain....................................Jesse L. Cyr
Deck Run Crew..................................Nick Haubner, David LaRose
Elizabethe McMonagle, Zachary Spooner, Alex Van Handel
Costume Run Crew..............................Jennifer Buse, Cassie Jenson
Bria Sill, Lynzi Zettler
Costume Shop Manager..........................Wendy Dolan*
Scene Shop Manager............................Ken Keith*
Costume Shop Assistants.....................Ali Daniels, Angela Ferlo
Scott Frost, Joel Heimerman, Jake Janssen
Dan Klarer, Dan Olson, Sara Tan, Amber Wuttke
Scene Shop Assistants........................Nate Angrick, Tyler Axt
Jasmine Campbell, Erik Champion, Joseph Hannon
Joanna Kusilek, Patrick O’Donnell, Christopher Pheiffer
Sarah Roser, Christopher Wuellin
Scene & Costume Shop Crew....................Theatre & Dance
Practicum Students
Administrative Department Associate........Ruth Daniels*
Theatre Office Assistant.....................Lynn Rasmussen*
Box Office Supervisor.......................Chris Seefeldt*
House Managers..............................Katelyn Crabb, Arwen Fonzen
Elizabeth McMonagle, Derek Prestly
Public Relations Assistants....................Theatre & Dance
Practicum Students

Meet the Company

Anderson, Rachel (Senator; Antonia’s Communications Adjutant; Forum Citizen) Junior, BFA Musical Theatre Major from Tomahawk, WI.
Aplin, Mercer (Sound Designer) Freshman, BFA Design/Tech Major from Madison, WI. Recipient of the Theatre Arts Scholarship in Design/Technology.
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Briggs, Matthew (Cassius) Freshman, BFA Acting Major from Cottage Grove, MN.
Campbell, Jasmine (Associate Lighting Designer) Sophomore, BFA Design/Tech Major from Sheboygan, WI.
Chin, Kaitlin (Senator; Citizen #4; Pindarus) Freshman, BFA Acting Major, Dance Minor from Middleton, WI. Recipient of the First Nighters Scholarship.
Collenburg, Tricia (Cinna the Conspirator; Forum Citizen) Sophomore, BFA Acting Major from Milwaukee, WI.
Coyer, Kyle (Assistant Lighting Designer) Freshman, BFA Design/Tech Major from Medford, WI.
Crabb, Katelyn (House Manager) Junior, BA/BS Drama Major from Eagle, WI.
Cyr, Jesse L. (Octavius; Forum Citizen; Fight Captain) Senior, BFA Acting Major from Waunakee, WI. Recipient of the James Mueller Scholarship.
Daniels, Ali (Senator; Dardanius; Forum Citizen) Freshman, BFA Musical Theatre Major from Waupaca, WI.
Debs, Katie (Senator’s Wife; Clitus; Forum Citizen) Freshman, BFA Musical Theatre Major from Middleton, WI.
Ferlo, Angela (Senator; Cinna the Poet; Forum Citizen) Senior, BFA Acting Major from Manitowoc, WI.
Fonzen, Arwen (House Manager) BFA Musical Theatre Major from Madison, WI.
Freer, James Roland (Brutus) Senior, BFA Acting from Oostburg, WI. Recipient of the Toy Box Scholarship.