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Placer Rep's MacBeth announces opening run set for Rocklin

"This is not your grandma's MacBeth," chimes T.S. Forsyth, producing artistic director for Placer Repertory Theater, as she enthusiastically shares information regarding the first Placer Repertory Theater main season show for 2024-2025, MacBeth. According to Forsyth, it is a slightly truncated version of Shakespeare's play, performed by four actors and influenced by the absurd, despot icon, King UBU, with an opening run in Rocklin, California beginning October 11, 2024, before touring to other locales in the region.

Placer Rep's MacBeth takes influence from the comically absurd Pa and Ma UBU (from Alfred Jarry's UBU ROI) by casting them as MacBeth & Lady MacBeth. The presence of these grotesque characters, who have removed their polite societal masks to expose and parody the worst of humanity, highlights the dark ambitions in this play while breathing new life and new perspectives into one of Shakespeare's most popular works. Tragedy becomes Tragicomedy – dark and layered with bursts of laughter from the gut. Forsyth shared, "This is MacBeth as you've never seen it before. This is not your grandma's MacBeth."

Placer Rep's MacBeth is the first of three plays to examine the 2024-2025 main season theme "Dark Ambitions," which explores the damage to people and society at large when individuals or groups focus on self-centered human ambition instead of the greater good, and the narcissism and callousness that is required to myopically pursue self-serving goals. MacBeth will be followed by two shows that continue the thematic exploration: Dion Boucicault's melodrama *The Corsican Brothers or The Fatal Duel*, performed as an interactive melodrama by Placer Repertory Theater in February 2025 and T.S. Forsyth's new adaptation of *Sherlock Holmes: A Study in Scarlet* slated for Spring 2025.

Each main season show in Placer Rep's 2024-2025 season will begin with an opening



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run in Rocklin, prior to touring the region. Venues and scholastic entities interested in booking Placer Repertory Theater company's main season offerings, or School Tours and Family Theater performances, may contact BoxOffice@placerrep.org or visit the company web site: PlacerRep.org. More information for each of the 2024-2025 main season shows – MacBeth, Corsican Brothers, Study in Scarlet -- may be found on Eventbrite.com. (<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/placer-repertory-theater-30342509116>).

Placer Repertory Theater (PlacerRep.org) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with the mission to offer educational and quality-of-life enriching professional performing arts and cultural programs relevant to the people of Placer County and surrounding area, while supporting local organizations and acting as an economic engine for the region. Follow Placer Repertory Theater on Facebook (PlacerRep), Twitter and Instagram: @PlacerRep and subscribe to their YouTube Channel (Placer Repertory Theater).



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KEY TEAM MEMBERS

Below are biographies for a few of the key Placer Repertory Theater company members:



TERESA STIRLING FORSYTH – Producing Artistic Director, Director, Playwright. With an MFA in Dramatic Arts and an MS in Business Management & Leadership, this former Silicon Valley high-tech VP and critically acclaimed professional director/playwright also plays the role of Producing Artistic Director for Placer Repertory Theater. Previously, the artistic director for two San Francisco based touring theater companies and founder/board president of an economic & workforce development nonprofit organization, her performing arts background includes international tours as an actor/singer/dancer, and director/ playwright for national and international touring productions with renowned professional

performing artists, such as Brenda Wong Aoki (AEA/SAG/AFTRA), and companies like Dell'Arte Players (AEA). Projects on which Forsyth worked performed at venues such as the Kennedy Center, the Smithsonian, Magic Theatre, Mark Taper Forum, Dallas Theatre Center, San Diego Repertory Theater and many other renowned venues, and received Dramalogue Awards, Critics Circle Awards, Indy Award: Best Spoken Word Album, Broadway World Awards, the Gloria Burt Fellowship, as well as numerous grants from the NEA, NEH, CAC, ACPC and corporations. She is a member of the professional organizations: The Dramatists Guild of America (DGA), Stage Directors & Choreographers Society (SDC) and the Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE).



GINA HILL – Stage Manager / Sound Technician

A technical wiz and talented artist with an eye for detail, Gina Hill has a passion for extreme makeup, as one might see in a horror film, but also boasts a long career in the arts & entertainment industry. Gina has certificates in Technical Theater and Animation, Make-up License from VIZIO Make-up Academy of Beverly Hills, and attended Orange Coast College to study TV/FILM. She has worked as a camera operator and camera graphics person for Garden Grove TV, where she produced and directed local commercials, but particularly loves her experiences in the theater from Props Master, Sound and Lighting to Make-up and Hair to Wardrobe Assistance, with recently increasing experiences from assistant stage management to Stage Management. She is currently employed at the VAPA Academy of Colfax as an Education Facilitator for visual and performing arts, specializing in technical theater.



SUMMARY

WHAT

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DETAILS

Placer Rep's MacBeth: Opening week in Rocklin, CA

A slightly truncated version of Shakespeare's play, performed by four actors and influenced by the absurd, despot icon, King UBU

WHERE

Parkview Event Room, 5460 5th St, Rocklin, CA

WHEN

- Friday, October 11, 2024 @ 7 p.m.
- Saturday, October 12, 2024 @ 7 p.m.
- Then touring the region & available for bookings

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To reserve seats for events & shows:

Placer Repertory Theater on EVENTBRITE.COM

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/30342509116>

Bookings & Questions:

Email: boxoffice@placerrep.org

WHO

Placer Repertory Theater, company members & affiliates



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