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A NOTE FROM THE PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Welcome to Civic Theatre's 93rd season- IGNITE! This theme encompasses all the passion and energy our staff and volunteers are feeling about our very ambitious line-up of exciting shows this season! Every year we try and offer a broad variety of offerings to give our audiences a smorgasbord of high-quality theatre to enjoy. And this year is no exception.

We kick off the season with madcap hilarity and mystery as we present one of the most produced plays currently circulating through community and regional theaters. *CLUE!* And we continue the comedic ride as we blend MainStage and Civic Youth actors in the incredibly popular musical, *SCHOOL OF ROCK*. What do both these selections have in common? They are both based off high grossing movies; one from 1985 and the other from 2003. I promise you the live versions are much more fun!

But it's not all fun and games (get it?) for this season. Well, maybe not games but still lots of fun. *HOLIDAY CABARET* is an entirely new venture here at Civic that is sure to warm your heart and holiday spirit. Although this type of holiday show is a first for Civic, I predict it won't be the last.

Everyone knows we have a plethora of extremely talented youth in our community and our Civic Youth Theatre program proudly provides a variety of productions to show off that talent! January's show, *THE AMAZING MAURICE AND HIS EDUCATED RODENTS*, will feature a wide age range of youth performers stretching their acting muscles portraying characters that are quite fantastical. Then, moving from fantasy to reality, our teens will have an opportunity to take the stage in our March production of *ALMOST, MAINE* or our April offering of *MACBETH*, which is an adaptation of the Bard's original script featuring 7 teenage, female-identifying actors portraying all the roles. Don't forget, all our youth shows can be selected in your flex-pass purchase!

Smack-dab in the middle of February, you will find another MainStage selection opening Valentine's Day weekend. Stressing over what to give that special someone for a valentine? Nothing says love and romance more than a ticket to *PSYCHO BEACH PARTY!* But seriously, who doesn't love a beach party in February?! And once the party is over, we fast track to May for our final MainStage show - *URINETOWN: THE MUSICAL*. Don't let the title mislead you, the content is both hilarious and provocative, with this satirical comedy extending far beyond toilet humor.

Beyond the season selections, you can also enjoy the Tour of Terror Walking Tour October 25th-26th, a variety of staged readings in the spring, Civic After Dark pop-up performances, OSFA improv shows almost every month, our Annual Season Reveal show April 12th, and the 13th Annual Short Play Festival June 27th -29th!

Depending on what show you are currently attending, I hope you are either looking forward to the above selections or remembering them fondly. This is a spectacular season that I am extremely proud and grateful to present. Much of that gratitude goes to our sponsors and donors who invest in Civic Theatre because they believe that the arts are an important part of a thriving community. Their generosity and support keep our lights on and the shows going. And tons of gratitude goes to you, our patrons. Thank you for purchasing your ticket to this performance. You are the reason we do what we do. You are the reason Civic is here to usher in our 93rd season- IGNITE!

Enjoy the show.

Raquel Lopez (she/her)
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Psycho Beach Party

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March 14 - 16, 2025 



Mac Beth

April 4 - 6, 2025 



Urinetown

May 8 - 17, 2025 



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Sound Board Operator — Blaise Shutes

Backstage Crew — Quin Reeder

Set Design — Benji Braswell & Caleb Immel

Set Builders — Josh Lane, Christy Carr, & Dan Rayman

Production Manager — Anthony Sirk

Mac Beth featured artwork by Sarah Ruh, Artist-in-Residence.

CAST

MACBETHAsh Durham
LADY MACBETHKatie Pitoukkas
BANQUO Mary Stuckey
MACDUFF Luna Puetz
WITCH 1Ellie Boszor
WITCH 2Quinn Findlay
WITCH 3 Reese Smith

Dramatis Personae

7 SCHOOLGIRLS:

MACBETH
BANQUO also **SEYTON**
LADY MACBETH
MACDUFF

WITCH 1 also **ROSS, DONALBAIN, PORTER, MURDERER 1, DOCTOR**
WITCH 2 also **ANGUS, MALCOLM, OLD MAN, MURDERER 2**
WITCH 3 also **DUNCAN FLEANCE, LENOX, GENTLEWOMAN**

The witches also play servants and messengers and attendants throughout.

There will be **NO INTERMISSION**.

NOTE FROM THE SCRIPT:

These girls have a Macbeth club. They agree to meet in an abandoned field after school to “do” the play. Each has learned her part. The playing style is modern, quick, unaffected – the girls never pretend to be boys – they are, however, fully committed and present in the stakes of the characters they inhabit. They believe so fully in character that they are capable of losing themselves.

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

What is it about one of the bloodiest plays Shakespeare ever wrote that keeps us coming back to it time and time again as a society? Is it our obsession with true crime series that desensitizes us to the violence and keeps us craving a creative murder? Our overly politicized media bubbles that make us understand the constant human struggles linked to ambition and power? Or is it the tale old question that the story of Macbeth always comes back to...is ignorance really bliss?

Erica Schmidt's brilliant adaptation of Shakespeare's bloody drama takes seven young girls out of their school and into an urban wasteland to put on the play and take up these intense characters amidst all the pressures and angst of their modern time. It forces us to appreciate an aggressive spirit in desperate need of release in our everyday youth as well as hold a mirror up to the same Shakespearean violence that can be so easily reflected in American school systems through the suffering of student's mental health. Through this tough, surreal and brutally honest telling, we see young people shine a light on something so important in our society and do so through the Bard's own tongue, "and nothing is, but what is not".

Only what is imagined, or unreal, can ever truly have the chance to become real. The change we seek to create in order to end these endless cycles of violence for students begins with the seeds of ideas we plant today. The tragedy should never be the end of the story.

-Benji Braswell, Director

Special thanks to our incredible team here at Civic:

Raquel Lopez for her always encouraging and insightful advice and endless support of our youth, Tony Sirk for stepping up in any way possible to ensure productions are flowing smoothly in our theatre, Kelly Alge for fundraising with all her heart for youth programming, Sarah Albertson for keeping us organized (and full of cupcakes!), Sarah Mishler for making our lobby and bar come alive, Fritz Bennet for providing assistance in all our technical needs, Eric Lin for keeping us on budget and Elyse Daniel for ensuring the community is aware of all the good we are trying to do here. It truly does take a village and the Civic family is one I'm proud to be a part of.

Thank you to Josh Lane, Christy Carr, and Dan Rayman for volunteering their time to assist us in the building process and all the extra hours our incredible design team put in. Caleb Immel, Tony Sirk, Anna Graham, Blaise Shutes, and Quin Reeder, you are beyond compare and truly understood the aesthetics of this show. And much gratitude to Jordan Gooch for stepping in last minute as our lighting designer!

Thank you so much to these incredible young actors who have truly put their whole hearts into this show and taken the leap into Shakespeare's language with nothing but bravery. I so appreciate the dedication of all their parents as well to get them to and from rehearsal, help them at home and keep conversations open about the intense content of the play.

Last, I would love to thank my partner, Will Lewis, for being there when I am exhausted and understanding why these kids, this program and the opportunities to put on shows exactly like this means so much to me. Thank you for every extra nudge to wake up, surprise flowers or dinner, and reminding me to breathe when things are hard. I love you.

Who's Who in the CAST!



ASH DURHAM (Macbeth) is so excited to be a part of Macbeth. This is Ash's sixth show of all but first show at Civic. They would like to thank the cast and directors for being such wonderful people to work with and making this such a wonderful process.



KATIE PITOUKKAS (Lady Macbeth) is honored to be a part of her 16th show at Civic Theater! Previous shows she's been included in are Descendants (isle ensemble/dance captain), She Kills Monsters (Evil Gabbi), and Moana (Tefiti/Teka), to name a few. When she is at home, she loves drawing and creating dance choreography. She would like to thank her girlfriend for helping with lines, her family for supporting her, and her director and cast for putting this production on.



MARY STUCKEY (Banquo) is so happy to be back on stage with such a classic story as Macbeth. You may have seen her recently in Into the Woods as Little Red or in Descendants as Belle. This is Mary's 10th overall show, but 2nd play. When Mary is not on stage, she enjoys sharing her love for music and dressing up. She'd like to thank her director, Benji Braswell, for giving her so many opportunities and hopes you enjoy the show!



LUNA PUETZ (MacDuff) is thrilled to be a part of Mac Beth! Her previous role was in School of Rock (Katie). When she is offstage, she enjoys listening to music, cooking, playing her electric bass, and singing. Luna would like to thank her lovely director, cast, and crew for all their love and support!



ELLIE BOSZOR (Witch 1) is thrilled to be making her theatre debut in Mac Beth at Civic! Ellie has seen many Civic shows before and is very excited to be a part of this one. Outside of theatre, Ellie is a sixth grader who does school activities such as band, choir, and drama club. Her hobbies include singing, playing soccer, and enjoying time with family and friends. Ellie would like to give special thanks to her director, cast, and crew. She would also like to thank her family for loving and supporting her. It's been an awesome experience!



QUINN FINDLAY (Witch 2) is so excited to be part of the Mac Beth cast. This is her first Shakespeare production but her third play with Civic Theatre. Quinn performed in Civic's production of Godspell Jr.(ensemble), and The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents (Peaches). Quinn is also currently acting as Matilda in her school's production of Matilda Jr. When she isn't doing theatre, Quinn enjoys reading and playing with her cat Freyja. Quinn would like to thank TJ Rosa, her supportive family, Benji Braswell and Julie Baumann for introducing her to theatre, and the cast and crew for all the work they have put into this show.



REESE SMITH (Witch 3) is delighted & grateful to be back on the Civic stage for the third time this season! She has been involved with Civic's classes & camps since she was 5 years old. Her previous Civic shows include School of Rock (Tomika), Disney's Descendants (Jane) & Godspell Jr (soloist). She also appeared in Annie Jr (Annie) at Red Brick Theatre. Reese would like to give a big thanks to Miss Julie for helping coach her for this role. She would especially like to recognize Benji & all the cast & crew for another wonderful & fulfilling Civic experience.

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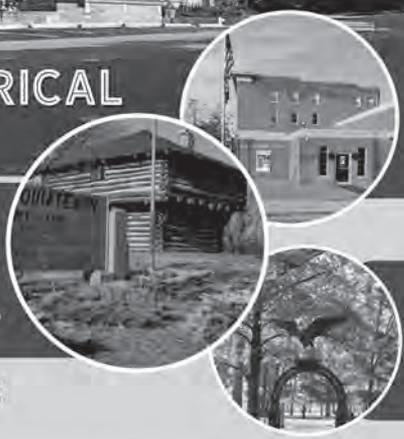


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