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The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center presents
an updated version of
Shakespeare's Macbeth

*Five Towns College production of classic Celtic drama,
an ode to ambition and vanity, will be staged April 15 to 18*

March 18, 2010, Dix Hills, New York – The Dix Hills Center for the Performing Arts will present a modern interpretation of William Shakespeare's classic tragic drama, Macbeth, April 15, 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee, April 18.



The Five Towns College Theater Department production under the direction of Kathy Curtiss, a Five Towns College drama professor, places the ancient events in a post-apocalyptic future set in the year 2020 within an alternate universe, yet traditional Shakespeare fans should feel at home with the updated dialogue.

The drama is set on the ruins of Stirling castle in Scotland, where the royal guard fight to re-establish order against the underworld of mercenary traffickers and lords of misrule assisted by druid witches and other supernatural beings. There, the classic characters battle for order and human goodness against chaos with both medieval broadswords and the Bard's rapier wit.

In addition to Shakespeare's classic characters the play's setting also takes on a role in this production. According to Curtis, the set's central feature is a stone circle modeled after the famed Stones of Stenness, surrounded by projections, sculpture and other visual textures designed to enhance the drama and support special effects for characters such as the witches.

"Audiences will find this unique version of Macbeth both true to the original story and a lot more approachable from a modern perspective," said Sandy Hinden, executive director of The Center. "The Theater Department has paid special attention to detail in this production where the set design and staging takes on a new dimension and virtually becomes a central character in this production."

The cast includes Lawrence Britain as Duncan, King of Scotland, Beth Gwara as Prince Malcolm, Garrett Miller as Donalbain/old man, Brendan Cayton as Macbeth, Mary Jane Newmann as Lady Macbeth, Matt Burns as MacDuff, Molly Stublick as Lady MacDuff, Brandon Fraser as Banquo, Marc Slomowitz as

Lennox, Sean Caldwell as Ross, Anthony Arpino as Angus, Steven Ruggiero Mantieth, Casagnol Leonidas as Caithness, Jean Bonavita as Siward, Wes Laga as Young Siward, Nasir Terrell as Lord 1, Klemet Tinaj as Lord 2, Joseph Mussorfiti as Fleance, Christine Hostine as Doctor, Jaqueline Mulvaney as Gentlewoman, Brian Cerdelli as Porter and Anthony Martinez as Seyton, among others.

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The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center is located at Five Towns College, 305 North Service Road, Dix Hills, New York, 11746-5857. For more information and ticket sales, please contact the Dix Hills Performing Arts Center box office at (631) 656-2148 or visit online at www.DHPAC.org. Become a fan on Facebook! (Dix Hills Performing Arts Center).

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