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2001 SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT

June 23-24 *The Trojan Women*
August 8-25 *Death as Usual* and *Potatoes*
September 2001 Inaugural Dramatists Festival
October *States of Shock* by Sam Shepard

Gorilla Theatre Productions is announcing our 2001 season schedule in conjunction with our upcoming production of *Major Barbara* at the Just-Off-Broadway Theatre beginning January 24. This year we will be presenting a variety of theatre-related events that include *The Trojan Women* by Euripides, and *Death as Usual* and *Potatoes* by local writers Brendon O'Neill and Ron Klier, and finally *States of Shock* by Sam Shepard. We will also be presenting staged readings of winning play submissions as part of our 2001 Inaugural Dramatist Festival.

Before our next season gets underway, we will be mounting the philosophical social comedy *Major Barbara* by George Bernard Shaw. This play is the final production of our 2000 season and will be at the Just-Off-Broadway Theatre, 3051 Central (31st and Wyandotte) from January 24 to February 17. Performances are Wed and Thurs at 7:00 p.m., Fri and Sat at 8:00 p.m., with special matinee performances at 2:00 p.m. on Feb 3 and 10. Tickets are \$12, \$10 for students/seniors, and \$8 for groups of 10 or more. Please contact the Central Ticket Office at 816-235-2700 for ticket information.

Euripides' *The Trojan Women* is one of history's most powerful diatribes against the pointlessness of war, focusing on the wives and mothers of the vanquished following the fall of Troy. It's also one of the strongest personal artistic statements of classic Greek theatre. This year we will be performing in a new location that will further expand our most popular theatre event.

Performances will be Saturday and Sunday June 23 & 24 at 7:30 a.m. (yes, in the morning) at the Wheeler Amphitheater in Frank A. Theis Park. Due to construction, we have moved from our traditional performance space on the steps of the Nelson-Atkins Museum to the far end of the lawn down by Brush Creek in the newly built amphitheatre. This event is free for all, although donations are encouraged. Feel free to bring lawn chairs, blankets, water and umbrellas.

The Trojan Women is sponsored by a grant from the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation and will be directed by artistic director David Brisco Luby. This is the first time Gorilla Theatre has received a grant for a production.

Death as Usual by Brendon O'Neill and *Potatoes* by Ron Klier are the 2000 winners of Gorilla Theater's Annual Playwriting Competition. We will be presenting full productions of both plays August 8 - 25 at the Just-Off-Broadway Theatre and announce the winner of this year's contest in August.

Gorilla Theatre will present staged readings of the 2001 winners of our Annual Playwriting Competition in area coffeehouses in September. The winning play will receive a \$100 cash prize and consideration for production. The deadline for entries into this year's contest is May 1. Contact Gorilla Theatre for details.

Our season will finish with a production of the surreal anti-war piece *States of Shock* by renown playwright **Sam Shepard**. Venues and performance dates will be announced at a later date.

Gorilla Theatre is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, volunteer based organization that relies on revenue from grants, donations, ticket sales, and advertising dollars to survive. In return, we offer Kansas City audiences a unique combination of entertaining and enlightening theatre unlike any theatre company in town. For more information about Gorilla Theatre call us at 816-471-APES or visit our website at www.gorillatheatre.org

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