

Gorilla Theater Productions

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GORILLA THEATRE PRESENTS THE TROJAN WOMEN

Gorilla Theatre Productions is proud to present our eleventh annual Greek show with a performance of *The Trojan Women* by Euripides. The performances will be at 7:30 a.m., June 23 and 24 at the Wheeler Amphitheatre in Theis Park (formerly Volker Park) located at Volker and Oak. We have moved from our traditional performance venue at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art due to construction for the expansion of the museum. This event is free to the public and remains our most popular theatre-going event. Feel free to bring blankets, pillows, umbrellas, lawn chairs, sunscreen, and plenty of water.

Euripides' *The Trojan Women* is one of history's most powerful diatribes against genocide and the pointlessness of war. Using the Trojan War as a symbol for brutal destruction, Euripides turns the Greeks into villains and throws us into the woes of the enslaved Trojan women after the city of Troy had been sacked and all the men murdered. In doing so, he has crafted one of the most powerful and direct anti-war protests ever staged.

The Trojan Women is directed by David Brisco Luby, artistic director and founder of Gorilla Theatre Productions. Luby received an MFA in directing and acting from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1987 and founded Gorilla Theatre in 1988. He staged his first ancient Greek play in 1991 on the steps of the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. He is also the president of the Just Off Broadway Theatre Association.

This production will feature an original musical score by composer Alonzo Conway, a member of the newEar ensemble, former president of the New Music Institute of Kansas City, and a specialist in folkloric music. Conway also plays percussion and saxophone with BCR and Necessity Brass.

Other talent creating *The Trojan Women* includes production designer/artist Richard Van Cleave, costume designer Georgianna Londré, and choreographer Sally Crawford.

The cast of *The Trojan Women* features Rebecca Dempsey as Hecuba and includes Andrea Smith as Helen, Meggan Owen as Andromache, Emily Lambdin as Cassandra, Roger Baughman as Menelaus, Daryn Ladd and Victor Castillo as Talthybius, Michael Patton as Poseidon, and Tabatha Babcock as Athena. The chorus includes Sarah Conway, Jennifer Coville, Sally Crawford, Samantha Downs, Eleanor Droll, Carol Leighton, and Laura Schwartz.

The Trojan Women is sponsored by a grant from the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation.

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 give 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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