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SHAKESPEARE'S

# macbeth

Directed by Peter Hinton

Starring Benedict Campbell and Diane D'Aquila

Feb 9<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008  
The Maclab Theatre

*"A gripping and illuminating production."  
- The Ottawa Citizen*

*"Physically stunning... this is an exciting and absorbing production that  
takes a fresh look at two of Shakespeare's best-known characters."  
- Connie Meng (North Country Public Radio)*

*"Nightmare seeks Macbeth out: that search, more than his violence, is the  
true plot of this most terrifying of Shakespeare's plays."  
- Harold Bloom*

**EDMONTON, AB** – The Citadel Theatre is very proud to present Shakespeare's darkest tragedy, *Macbeth*, Feb 9<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>, directed by **National Arts Centre** English Language Theatre's Artistic Director **Peter Hinton**.

When Macbeth is told that he will one day become King of Scotland, he is urged by his ambitious wife to take destiny into his own hands. Referred to by some as the ruby in the crown of Shakespearean tragedy, Macbeth is a brilliant and vivid portrait of a couple's willing descent into evil. In the hands of Peter Hinton, Shakespeare's exploration of the heart of darkness becomes a terrifying and political horror story for today.

*Macbeth*, written in 1605 or 1606, is one of Shakespeare's most famous plays. Set in Scotland and beset by magic, this dark tragedy is a story of ambition and arrogance grown wild with power and hope, in a time of violence and swirling evil.

Director, playwright and dramaturge **Peter Hinton** has been an integral part of the Canadian theatre landscape for over 20 years, working recently as an Associate Artist of the Stratford Festival of Canada, and in November 2005 he became Artistic Director of the National Arts Centre English Theatre.

The National Arts Centre in Ottawa has co-produced several plays with the Citadel, including *Othello*, *Enemy of the People*, *Vanya* and most recently *Frida K* during the 2006/2007 season.

"We're delighted to have the NAC on board for another production this season, and especially blessed to have Peter Hinton directing this challenging work," says Citadel Artistic Director Bob Baker. "Peter has brought an inventive and bold take on this very popular play. His vision of *Macbeth* is aesthetically striking, fast-paced, emotionally powerful and extremely relevant to our world today."

*Macbeth* stars **Benedict Campbell** (Citadel debut) as Macbeth and **Diane D'Aquila** (*Frida K* – Assistant Director) as Lady Macbeth. The cast includes: **Pierre Brault** (*Vanya*), **Tim Dowler-Coltman** (*A Christmas Carol*), **Todd Duckworth** (Citadel Debut), **Peter Froehlich** (*An Enemy of the People*), **Kate Hurman** (*Arms and the Man*), **Kris Joseph** (Citadel Debut), **John Koensgen** (Citadel Debut), **Matthew MacFadzean** (*Noises Off*), **Shana McInnes** (*A Christmas Carol*), **Monaco Moore** (*A Christmas Carol*), **Christopher Schulz** (*Equus*), **Michael Spencer-Davis** (*Blythe Spirit*), **Jane Spidell** (*Othello*) and **Blair Williams** (Citadel Debut).

Directed by **Peter Hinton** (*Frida K*), the creative team for *Macbeth* includes: Set and Costume Designer **Carolyn M. Smith** (*Othello*), Lighting Designer **Robert Thomson** (*Noises Off*), Original Music and Sound Designer **Sandy Moore** (Citadel debut), Fight Director **Jean-François Gagnon** (Citadel debut), Assistant Director **Amanda Kellock** (Citadel Debut), Stage Manager **Laurie Champagne** (Citadel debut), and Assistant Stage Manager **Jane Vanstone Osborn** (Citadel debut).

*Macbeth* at the Citadel Theatre runs from February 9<sup>th</sup> to March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008. Tickets can be purchased by phone, **780.425.1820**, online at [citadeltheatre.com](http://citadeltheatre.com) or in person at the **Box Office, 9828 101 A Avenue**.

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<b>Previews</b>	\$48	\$38
<b>Opening Night</b>	\$73	\$73
<b>Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday Evening</b>	\$53	\$43
<b>Thursday Matinee</b>	\$48	\$38
<b>Saturday Matinee</b>	\$58	\$48
<b>Saturday Evening</b>	\$63	\$53
<b>Sunday Matinee</b>	\$58	\$48

GST will be added. Tickets subject to availability. Prices subject to change

#### **PREVIEWS:**

Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup>; Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup>; Tuesday February 12<sup>th</sup>; Wednesday February 13<sup>th</sup>

#### **OPENING NIGHT:**

Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

#### **CLOSING NIGHT:**

Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **Pay-What-You-Can**

Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

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