



MACBETH

The Antaeus Company

Reviewed by Carol Kaufman Segal

Macbeth may be one of William Shakespeare's most well-known plays along with Hamlet. At least when I went to high school, these two plays introduced my generation to Shakespeare in English Literature. Seeing Macbeth in a recent production performed with the caliber of the one by the Antaeus Company in North Hollywood was a particular joy for me.

The cast is large, but I feel it necessary to name everyone in the play. Because every actor was so good, I would be remiss by not giving credit to each and every one in this outstanding production directed by Jessica Kubzansky. The leading tyrant, of course, is Macbeth played by Rob Nagle, and his power hungry wife, Lady Macbeth, is played by Tessa Auberjonois.

Kimiko Gelman, Lorna Raver, Jane Carr, Sandra McClain, Ned Schmidtke, Christian Barillas, Paul Culos, Ramon De Ocampo, Jack Lancaster, Daniel Blinkoff, Armin Shimerman, Jeff Thomas Gardner, Jesse Sharp, Jason Thomas, Daniel Dorr, Todd Waring, Rebekah Tripp, and Brian Abraham round out the cast on the day that I saw the play. Interestingly enough, the Antaeus Company double casts for every full-staged production, so that each player can fill in for the other playing the same role. I would always like to see two different casts if time permitted. With such talented members, I am certain that each of the different groups turn out to be top-notch. The



interesting scenic design is by Tom Buderwitz and Jessica Olson's costumes of the period are worthy of note. Jeremy Pivnick's lighting adds to the eeriness of the witches scenes, and the fight scenes in Macbeth, directed by Peter Katona are so realistic. They are a real highlight of the production. I would recommend this play, and I would especially urge high school students to see it. The Antaeus Company is located at 5112 Lankershim Blvd. in North Hollywood. Tickets are available on line at www.Antaeus.org, or by calling (818) 506-1983.

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