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by Sophocles

Translated by

Elizabeth

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VIRTUAL PREMIERE SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 AT 7:30 PM

Directed by

Matthew R. Wilson

Costume Design

Sigríður Jóhannesdóttir Composer/Sound Design

Heather Stebbins Choreographer

Morgan Furnari

Assistant Director

Natalie Parks Stage Manager

Avery Yoss

Editors

Ella Derke
Alicia Januzzi
Anna Phillips
Rachel Trauner

Gabriella Dubois
Miranda Lee
Calista Ragland
Matthew R. Wilson

Notes on the Production

"Great words by men of pride / bring greater blows upon them. / So wisdom comes to the old."
-Sophocles, Antigone

We've all had quite a year, haven't we?

When the first inklings of a process for this production of Antigone began, the world was a much different place. The George Washington University was functioning at full capacity. We were planning for a beautiful, fully in-person (and why anything decadently designed else?), production Sophocles' of Antigone to be performed in Corcoran School's Flagg Building, complete with dancing, lush lighting on marble, and dystopian neoclassicist critique.

By the time we had our first production meeting in April, the entire crew was quarantined in our own homes, dreaming of Ancient Greece. The rest is history.

In a time of darkness for the theatre, we'd like to bring you a little light. This production was crafted meticulously and gloriously by a group of very tired, very busy, miraculously healthy artists. Our brilliant cast filmed from their own homes with help from friends, family, pets, and the sun. We had costumes shipped across the country, organized by a woman halfway across the world. All of us wore a million different hats – director, teacher, film editor, sound designer, lighting technician, actor, camera operator, stage manager, grip... – the list goes on.

On top of all of that, it hasn't been an easy time for the world politically either. We bring you this production in the midst of what is quickly becoming the biggest civil rights movement in America's history, less than a month before an election that may very well decide the fate of the planet. Small stakes, I know.

Antigone has always been a political piece. What began as a lesson to trying souls who dare to defy the gods has become a cry for justice in dozens of languages and hundreds of adaptations. More than a few of us had the image of Greta Thunberg in our heads while toying with this material – a young woman, called to action by the world, speaking up in a group of men who would rather her sit down and leave them exacerbating a problem they created. What a world we live in

that a story as old as this has come to find new meaning in the 21st century. Let it bring you hope.

We will get through this together. Be not like Creon – a man inevitably destroyed by his ego, his reliance on tradition, and his unwillingness to listen to facts or the counsel of others. Come as you are, with the bravery of Antigone, and remember that

change is a good thing.

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to TRDA's Fall 2020 season, with *Antigone*.

–Natalie Parks(Assistant Director)

CAST (in alphabetical order)

CHORUS	Nathan Burke
CHORUS	Kate Campbell
CHORUS	Ella Derke
EURYDICE	Gabriella Dubois
HAEMON	Blake Flayton
ANTIGONE	Alicia Januzzi
GUARD/CHORUS	Miranda Lee
MESSENGER/CHORUS	Anna Phillips
TEIRESIAS/CHORUS	Calista Ragland
ISMENE	Hannah Sturgis
CREON	Anthony Thomas

WHO'S WHO



MATTHEW R. WILSON (Director) is an Associate Professor of Theatre whose TRDA credits include directing Stop Kiss and A Comedy of Errors and

choreographing fights for *Mr. Burns*. Wilson is a two-time Helen Hayes Award winner and seven-time nominee as a professional director, actor, fight director, and playwright. Recent credits include directing Second City's *Twist Your*

Dickens at the Aurora Fox in Denver, as well as acting in The Cmplt Wrks of Wllm Shkspr (abr.) with Chesapeake Shakespeare Company and both That Summer in Sumner and Benevolence at Mosaic Theatre. His book Commedia dell'Arte in History & Performance is currently being published by Routledge Press. SDC, SAG-AFTRA, AEA. MFA (GW's Academy for Classical Acting); PhD (University of Maryland). matthewrwilson.com

WHO'S WHO



HEATHER STEBBINS

(Composer) is an internationally performed composer of acoustic and electroacoustic works with a background as a cellist.

She received her D.M.A. from Boston University in 2016, where she was a Center for New Music Fellow. Heather's principal teachers include Benjamin Broening, Joshua Fineberg, and Helena Tulve, whom she studied with during a Fulbright Fellowship to Tallinn, Estonia. Heather is an Assistant Professor of Music at George Washington University, where she teaches courses in digital musicianship, multimedia composition, and the intersections of music, sound and technology.



MORGAN FURNARI

(Choreographer) is an alum of GW and majored in dance and organizatoional sciences.



NATHAN BURKE

(Chorus) is a freshman from Orange County, CA, double majoring in political science and theatre. This is his first

semester at GW and his first production with TRDA.



KATE CAMPBELL

(Chorus) is a sophomore from Vancouver, WA double majoring in theatre and political science and minoring in

history. She most recently assistant stage managed the *Spring 2020 Dance Concert*. This is her 3rd TRDA production.



ELLA DERKE (Chorus/ Singer/Editor/Assistant Stage Manager) is a freshman from New York City majoring in theatre and political science. This

is her 1st TRDA production and is excited to join the GW community.



GABRIELLA DUBOIS

(Eurydice/Editor) is a senior from San Francisco, CA, studying theatre, psychology and philosophy. This is her 3rd

TRDA production.



BLAKE FLAYTON*

(Haemon) is a junior at GW studying political communication. He is also a Corcoran Scholar minoring in theatre, and

this is his 3rd TRDA production.



ALICIA JANUZZI

(*Antigone/Editor*) is a senior from Harrisburg, PA, studying theatre and psychology. This is her 4th TRDA production.



MIRANDA LEE*

(Guard/Singer/Chorus/ Editor) is a sophomore Acting Corcoran Scholar from Greenville, SC, double majoring in theatre

and statistics and minoring in music. This is her 2^{nd} TRDA production.



ANNA PHILLIPS

(Messenger/Chorus/ Editor) is a sophomore majoring in theatre and English at the Corcoran

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School of the Arts and Design. She is from Fair Haven, NJ and this is her first TRDA performance and her 2nd TRDA production (*Heathers*).



CALISTA RAGLAND

(*Teiresias/Chorus/Editor*) is a senior from Philadelphia/Collegeville PA majoring in theatre and English. This is their 3rd

TRDA production (previously Courage in *Waking the Oracle* and PSM for *A Comedy of Errors*). They were last seen as Rosencrantz in Nutshell Theatre's zoom adaptation of *Hamlet* in the Great Salt Lake Fringe Fest.



HANNAH STURGIS*

(Ismene) is a senior Acting Corcoran Scholar from Smyrna, DE double majoring in theatre and journalism and mass

communications. This is her 7th TRDA production. She most recently portrayed the Duke in *A Comedy of Errors* and was the Sound Designer for *Stop Kiss*.



ANTHONY THOMAS

(*Creon*) is a junior majoring in political communications at the School of Media and Public Affairs. He is from Washington DC, and

this is his 3^{rd} theatre production and 2^{nd} production with TRDA.



SIGRID JOHANNESDOTTIR

(Costume Designer) is an Associate Professor of Costume Design and Technology. Sigrid is

the residence costume designer for The Washington Stage Guild, and has designed for Metro Stage and Scena Theatre. She has taught costume design and theatrical makeup at American University and in West Virginia Morgantown, W.Va. University, the summer of 2019, she curated costume design on behalf of her native country, Iceland, for an international exhibit in Moscow: Innovative Costume of the 21st Century – The Next Generation. This is Sigrid's 10th year at GW.



NATALIE PARKS*

(Assistant Director) is a junior Acting Corcoran Scholar and theatre major from New York. This is her 6th TRDA production; she

was last seen as Callie in *Stop Kiss* in fall of 2019, and in Arena Stage's film *Inside Voices* last June.



AVERY YOSS

(Stage Manager) is a junior from Dallas, Texas. She is super excited to be a part of this new creative production as her 3rd TRDA show.



RACHEL TRAUNER

(*Editor*) is a junior from Davis, California majoring in journalism and mass communications and minoring in theatre. She

has also worked as an Assistant Stage Manager last semester in *Well*.



October 2, 16, 30; November 13; December 4, 11 5 p.m. Eastern

Please join us as we start to build community in our online world. Check out what your peers have been up to and what's in store for Music this Fall semester.

Fridays @ Five will continue every two weeks for the rest of the semester, so please plan to attend and perform. We will have fun and celebrate all the music we study and perform. Everyone is welcome!

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7:30 p.m. Eastern

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	Kelley Campbell, Caroline Campbell
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