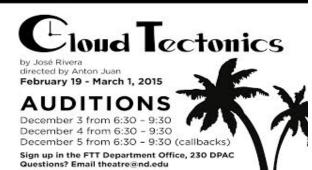
Notre Dame Film, Television, and Theatre presents

# characters in search of an author

by Luigi Pirandello adapted and directed by Patrick Vassel '07

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#### A NOT-SO ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY PRODUCTION



WASHINGTON HALL BLACK BOX THEATRE OCTOBER 30 – NOVEMBER 1 7:30 PM

#### CAST LIST (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

### **PRODUCTION CREW**

Graciela Baez-ChavezWitch, Queen Tamora, Ghost of Lady Anne		
Cassandra DinaroWitch, Portia, Ghost of Prince, Sonnet 144		
Devon GonzalezWitch, Horatio, Queen Elizabeth, Juliet		
Dominic AcriPorter, Demetrius, Shylock, Sonnet 119, Servant		
Erik MickiewiczFrancisco, Chiron, Ghost of Rivers, Banquo		
Ziyu CuiBernardo, Lavinia, Ghost of Prince, Hecate		
Claire Wilson Marcellus, Caius, Queen Margaret		
Paul KuczynskiKing's Ghost, Romeo, Ghost of Edward, Murderer		
Michael VaclavHamlet, Saturninus, Bassanio, King Henry VI		
Guillermo AlonsoClaudius, Antonio, Ghost of Buckingham, Macbeth		
Abigail SchnellTitus Andronicus, Ghost of Grey, Earl of Gloucester		
Cassidy LeyendeckerPublius, Regan, Lady Macbeth		
Katie MackinValentine, Duchess of York, Sonnet 127, Seyton		
Jonathan WilliamsKing Richard III, Duke of Cornwall		

Director	Scott Jackson
Stage Manager	Sarah Drumm
Assistant Stage Manager	Jeannette Chao
Sound Designer	Chris Ray
Lights Technician	Dinh Do
CostumesCassa	andra Dinaro & Gracie Baez-Chavez
Social MediaGracie	e Baez-Chavez & Jonathan Fazzino

#### Officers

Co-President	Michael Vaclav
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#### **RUNNING ORDER**

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PORTER INTRODUCTION (MACBETH 2.3)

HAMLET (1.1, 1.4, 1.5, 3.3)

SONNET 144

TITUS ANDRONICUS (5.2, 5.3)

MERCHANT OF VENICE (4.1)

HENRY VI PART III (5.6)

RICHARD III (1.1, 4.4, 5.3)

ROMEO AND JULIET (2.2)

SONNET 119

KING LEAR (3.7)

SONNET 127

MACBETH (1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 3.4, 4.1, 5.5)

#### **SCENE BREAKDOWN**

**Hamlet:** A troubled young prince receives some disturbing news when his father's ghost tells him that his own brother, Claudius, murdered him, stole his crown, and ran off with his wife. Saucy. Will Hamlet avenge his father's most foul murder?

**Titus Andronicus:** Poor Titus. If a chopped off hand, a ravished daughter, and dozens of murdered sons wasn't enough, Tamora Queen of the Goths will seek to make his life even worse. Disguised as Revenge, Murder, and Rape, Ole Tammy and her two boys (who raped and dismembered Titus' only daughter) attempt to drive Titus insane, but little do they know that he has a meaty, bloody surprise in store for them.

**Merchant of Venice:** Antonio, Venice's most famous merchant, should have thought twice before getting into dire straits with the city's most infamous loan shark – Shylock. After failing to pay his dues, Antonio successfully pissed off one of the craziest dudes in Italy and only the noble judge Portia stands between him and Shylock's vengeful knife. Will Antonio escape this trial with his life? Or will Shylock have his bloody dues paid in full?

Henry VI / Richard III: Behold, England's ugliest king and the most spiteful S.O.B e'er to grace the throne. While some kill for revenge, and others for love, the hunch-backed king kills basically because he's horribly unattractive, emotionally repugnant, and probably had terrible breath. Long story short, he kills <u>literally everyone</u> that stands in his way, including his three brothers and their children. He pisses off a ton of people in the process. Even his own mother hates him. After a lifetime of murder, treachery, and deceit, will Richard finally fall to his reserved seat in hell?

## SCENE BREAKDOWN

**Romeo and Juliet:** You all know this story. Two lovers. Two families that hate each other. Romeo and Juliet love each other to death. Literally. Sit back and enjoy this "touching" rendition of the play's beloved depiction of irrevocable teenage love.

**King Lear**: The Earl of Gloucester is taken hostage by England's most dysfunctional couple: the Duke of Cornwall and his absolutely horrible wife, Regan. Using "enhanced interrogation" techniques that would make Guantanamo Bay Prison guards squirm, Cornwall and Regan attempt to gain precious intel on Gloucester's true loyalties. Feast your eyes as one of Shakespeare's most disturbing scenes unfolds, which Quentin Tarantino probably used as inspiration for Reservoir Dogs.

**Macbeth:** You probably know this one as the play where everyone dies. Here's the skinny on this famous Scottish play. Witches tell Macbeth that he will be King of Scotland. He believes them, because after all, why wouldn't you believe three freaky temptresses that disappear and reappear out of thin air? Driven mad by ambition and his terrible wife, Macbeth murders his way to the throne, most tragically, his best bro and fellow comrade Banquo. Will this Scottish Thane and his wife continue on their bloody rampage? Or will the ghosts of their murderous pasts haunt them to the last syllable of recorded time?