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Antony and Cleopatra
2016

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Brave Spirits Theatre Presents

Antony and Cleopatra

In celebration of the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death

September 9, 2016: Brave Spirits brings Alexandria, Egypt, to Alexandria, VA, with Shakespeare's *Antony and Cleopatra*. Directed by BST Artistic Director Charlene V. Smith, Joe Carlson* and BST Artistic Associate Jessica Lefkow star as the two lovers torn between their passions for each other and their duties to their countries. Performed by an ensemble cast of only ten, this epic story is produced in celebration of the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death.

Performances run from September 14 - October 1, 2016, and will take place at the Lab at Convergence at 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA 22302. Tickets are \$25 and can be bought the door or at www.bravespiritstheatre.com.

For Brave Spirits, Smith has previously directed *Richard III* and *The Two Noble Kinsmen* and co-directed *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* and *The Bloody Banquet*. She has been hailed by *Shakespeareances.com* as “a director with a vision as keen and a hand as sure as any in the business.” Lefkow previously teamed up with Smith in BST's 2012 production of *Richard III*, where she played Margaret of Anjou, King Edward IV, and Richmond. She has toured with the American Shakespeare Center and has an MFA from the Academy of Classical Acting. She has also directed a number new works in critically-acclaimed first productions, including *Honey Brown Eyes* at Theatre J, which won the Helen Hayes Charles MacArthur Award for Outstanding New Play or Musical. Carlson* has performed with theatres across this region including Synetic Theater, American Century Theatre, Constellation Theatre, Imagination Stage, and Roundhouse Theatre. He was recently seen as Young Mike in Olney Theatre's *Colossal*, a performance which garnered him a 2015 Helen Hayes nomination for the Robert Prosky Award for Outstanding Lead Actor.

The 400th anniversary year of Shakespeare's death is being celebrated in 2016 around the globe with performances, lectures, exhibitions, and other creative events. BST joins companies and artists around the world celebrating Shakespeare's legacy and lasting impact. Learn more at <http://weareshakespeare.nd.edu/> and <http://www.shakespeare400.org/>.

*Member of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States, appearing under a Special Appearance Contract.

PRESS OPENING

Antony and Cleopatra: Friday, September 16th at 8pm

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What: *Antony and Cleopatra*, by William Shakespeare

Where: The Lab at Convergence. 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA 22302

Accessible by Metrobus: Conveniently located just 15 minutes outside of Washington, DC, by Metro approximately 2.5 miles from both Braddock Road and King Street Metro Stations (both Yellow Line stops). From King St. you can take the AT 5 Westbound, toward Van Dorn, get off at N. Quaker Lane or Dearing St. From Braddock take the AT 3-4 northbound toward Park Fairfax, get off at Gunston Road. For local bus travel, the 25A, 25C, 25E, 22C bus lines all have stops that are easy walks to/from Convergence and the Lab.

When: *Antony and Cleopatra*: September 14 - October 1, 2016

Performances on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings are at 8 pm. Saturday matinees are at 2 pm.

PWYC Preview: *Antony and Cleopatra*: Wednesday, September 14th at 8pm, and Thursday, September 15th at 8pm

Industry Night: *Antony and Cleopatra*: Monday, September 26, 2016 at 8 pm. Tickets are \$15 for industry professionals.

Tickets: Tickets are \$25 for *Antony and Cleopatra*. Season passes are also available. Tickets can be purchased in advance by visiting www.bravespiritstheatre.com.

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