

BRAVE SPIRITS THEATRE ARCHIVE

PRESS RELEASE The Maid's Tragedy 2016

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Brave Spirits Theatre

presents

The Maid's Tragedy

by Francis Beaumont and John Fletcher

October 5 , 2015: Brave Spirits Theatre, the Washington DC Metropolitan area's premiere producer of little-known early modern plays, is proud to announce the professional DC premiere of *The Maid's Tragedy*, written by two of Shakespeare's most prolific contemporaries, Francis Beaumont and John Fletcher. Founded in 2011, this production marks Brave Spirits Theatre's five-year anniversary and the fourth early modern play they have professionally premiered in the DC region.

Heartbreak. Betrayal. Revenge. When the King of Rhodes commands young Amintor to break his betrothal with his love Aspatia and marry the beautiful Evadne, a chain of horrific events begins. Aspatia, jilted and desperate to die, longs for justice to right her wrongs. Evadne, secretly the King's mistress, loses all honor when her torrid affair comes to light, and only vengeance will restore it. Melantius, Rhodes' greatest warrior and Evadne's brother, swears restitution for his defiled sister and the betrayed Amintor and will defy a King and God Himself to get it. Passionate, sexy, and twisted, this Jacobean tragedy will keep audiences entranced to the bitter end.

Performances will take place February 18th - March 6th at the Sanctuary at Convergence at 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA 22302. Tickets are \$20 each. Tickets can be bought the door or at www.artful.ly/brave-spirits-theatre/store/events/7225.

PRESS OPENING

Friday, February 19th at 8pm

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What: The Maid's Tragedy by Beaumont and Fletcher

Featuring: BST Alumni James T. Majewski, Victoria Reinsel, and Ian Blackwell Rogers, and Charlene V. Smith; and newcomers Gregory Atkin, Keegan Cassady, Gary DuBreuil, Brendan McMahon, Mary Myers, Rebecca Speas, and John Stange.

directed by Angela Kay Pirko stage manager: Lauren Patton dramaturg: Cassie Ash costume designer: Heather Whitpan

fight director: Casey Kaleba lighting designer: E-hui Woo set designer: Eric McMorris composer: Will Kenyon music director: Zach Roberts

Where: The Sanctuary at Convergence. 1801 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.

When: February 18th - March 6th, 2016. Performances are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8pm; and Sunday at 7pm.

PWYC Preview: Thursday, February 18th at 8pm.

Industry Night: Monday, February 29th at 8pm. Tickets \$15.

Tickets: Tickets are \$20 for each show. Tickets can be purchased in advance by visiting www.bravespiritstheatre.com or www.artful.ly/brave-spirits-theatre/store/events/7225.