

Double, double cast "Macbeth" from Antaeus



Antaeus Company opens its double cast "Macbeth" July 12 in North Hollywood Photo credit: Antaeus Company

You'll have to forgive me if I still have [Shakespeare](http://www.examiner.com/topic/shakespeare) (<http://www.examiner.com/topic/shakespeare>) on the brain. This being summer, the temptation is considerable. And I'll do at least one more Shakespeare-related post before I move on to other matters. With the Antaeus Company about a week away from opening its double cast production of "[Macbeth](http://www.examiner.com/topic/macbeth) (<http://www.examiner.com/topic/macbeth>)," the NoHo-based company (at least for now) goes first.

Double casting is nothing new or remarkable with Antaeus. Such is the modus operandi of the venerable classics-focused L.A. theatre company. With double casting, Antaeus can give more actors work and a somewhat shorter commitment. A couple of years back, the company came out of a bit of hiatus to kick off a full season with a double cast "King Lear" featuring Dakin Matthews and Harry Groener sharing the title role.

By double cast, they mean fully double cast, pretty much down to the spear-carriers. In fact, they dub it "partner casting," meaning everybody gets equal rehearsal time, so nobody ever sees an understudy. This seeds of this "Macbeth" grew were sewn in January of 2011 followed by a ClassicsFest reading last August which included director Jessica Kubzansky, co artistic director of the Theatre @ Boston Court. Kubzansky directs the current production.

You've got Bo Foxworth and Ann Noble as the ambitious and murderous Macbeth and Lady M for the Kinsmen Cast (opening July 12 and 14) and Rob Nagle and Tessa Auberjonois fronting the Thanos cast kicking off matters on July 13 and 15.

We've got a bit of second generation action happening here as Bo

Foxworth is the son of actor Robert Foxworth (currently with the rep company down at the Old Globe in San Diego) and Tessa Auberjonois is the daughter of actor Rene Auberjonois.

Also in the Kinsmen cast: Fran Bennett, Sam Breen, Joe Delafield, Steve Hofvendahl, Joe Holt, Susan Boyd Joyce, Dylan La Rocque, Ian Littleworth, Adam Meyer, Jesse Sharp, John Sloan, James Sutorius, Elizabeth Swain, Kitty Swink, Jason Thomas, Brian Tichnell, Rebekah Tripp and Peter Van Norden.

Rounding out the Thanes cast: Brian Abraham, Christian Barillas, Daniel Blinkoff, Jane Carr, Paul Culos, Ramón De Ocampo, Daniel Dorr, Jeff Thomas Gardner, Kimiko Gelman, Jack Lancaster, Gerard Marzilli, Sandra McClain, Lorna Raver, Alex Knox, Ned Schmidtke, Armin Shimerman, Joanna Strapp and Todd Waring.

Performances are July 12-Aug. 26 at 5112 Lankershim Blvd., North Hollywood. 8 p.m. Thu.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sat.-Sun. \$30-\$34.

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