



Synetic Theater

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Synetic Theater Receives Two Helen Hayes Awards and Announces Partnership with Crystal City

Arlington, VA – On April 5, 2010, Synetic Theater received two Helen Hayes Awards, honoring excellence in DC theatre during the 2009 calendar year. Synetic is proud to announce that *The Tale of the Fisherman and the Golden Fish* received the inaugural Award for Outstanding Production, Theatre for Young Audiences, along with the Canadian Embassy Award for Outstanding Ensemble, Resident Play, for its wordless production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, marking the third consecutive year Synetic has won this award. Synetic previously received the Outstanding Ensemble Award for *Hamlet...the rest is silence* and *Romeo and Juliet*.

"We are proud to have received two Helen Hayes Awards and 13 Nominations for the 2009 calendar year. We are especially honored to have received the first-ever Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Production, Theatre for Young Audiences, in an especially competitive category. To be nominated alongside Imagination Stage and The Kennedy Center is a testament to the hard work of Artistic Director Paata Tsikurishvili and Producing Director Irakli Kavsadze. This season, our goal has been to infuse Synetic Family Theater with the signature Synetic style: it's incredible to be recognized by the Helen Hayes Awards as it helps us know that we are on the right path towards achieving our goal." – Salma Qarnain, Managing Director

Synetic Theater also announced a partnership with Vornado/Charles E. Smith and the Crystal City Business Improvement District (BID) to bring DC's premier physical theater to Crystal City once Arena Stage relocates to its new home in DC. With its artistic success and continued audience growth, Synetic is poised for the next step—a dedicated venue. Synetic will continue to delight their current fans and attract new ones as their new location in Crystal City boasts easy Metro access, plentiful free parking, and close proximity to numerous restaurants, while also maintaining relationships with STC (Shakespeare Theatre Company) and The Kennedy Center. Performances will begin in Crystal City in September 2010.

"We are thrilled to bring our unique brand of theater to Crystal City. I am confident that this strong partnership with Vornado/Charles E. Smith and the Crystal City BID will create new opportunities for Synetic, enabling us to further grow artistically and ensuring that Crystal City remains a destination for the arts." – Paata Tsikurishvili, Founding Artistic Director

About Synetic

Synetic Theater is Washington DC's premier physical theater company. Founded in 2001 by the husband and wife team of Paata and Irina Tsikurishvili, Synetic seeks to advance and enrich the theater arts in the Nation's Capital through its unique performance style, which fuses the classical elements of drama, movement, dance, mime, and music into a distinct form of non-realistic theater. This form is simultaneously avant-garde and accessible, with a broad appeal to a wide, culturally diverse, and cross-generational audience.

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