



## Synetic Theater

DC's Premier Physical Theater

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### **SYNETIC THEATER RECEIVES FOUR HELEN HAYES AWARDS FOR ITS 2010 PRODUCTIONS**

**Arlington, VA** – On April 25, 2011, Synetic Theater received four Helen Hayes Awards for its productions during the 2010 calendar year. Synetic's recipients for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Helen Hayes Awards are:

- Outstanding Director, Resident Play: Paata Tsikurishvili, *Othello*
- Outstanding Ensemble, Resident Play: *Othello*
- Outstanding Costume Design: Anastasia R. Simes, *Othello*
- Outstanding Lighting Design: Colin K. Bills, *The Master and Margarita*

Paata Tsikurishvili won his fourth Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Director for *Othello*, having previously won for *Hamlet...the rest is silence*, *Macbeth*, and *Romeo and Juliet*. This year marks the fifth consecutive year that he has been nominated in this category. This also marks the fourth consecutive year that a Synetic production has received the Outstanding Ensemble, Resident Play, trophy.

"*Othello* was a very special piece for me: the idea of having three Iagos and the use of projectors to show what was going on in Othello's head became an exiting vision for both the actors and designers. I hope the recognition will further our ability to be able to take it and our other 'Silent Shakespeares' around the country, if not around the globe." – Paata Tsikurishvili, Founding Artistic Director

"It's been a year of astonishing theater in Washington, DC – we were honored and thrilled to receive the nominations. Receiving four awards is icing on the cake." – Salma Qarnain, Managing Director

Synetic Theater was nominated for 14 awards overall: *Othello*, presented at The Kennedy Center in June, received nine (9) nominations, while *The Master and Margarita* received three, *Antony and Cleopatra* received one, and *King Arthur* received one.

For more information about the awards and ceremony, visit <http://www.helenhayes.org>.

#### **About Synetic**

Founded in 2001 by the husband and wife team of Paata and Irina Tsikurishvili, Synetic Theater is DC's Premier Physical Theater, whose mission is **to be the premier American**



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**physical theater**, fusing dynamic art forms—such as text, drama, movement, acrobatics, dance, and music, by producing world-class physical theater for all ages, educating the next generation of artists and physical theater professionals, and promoting this distinct form of theater nationally and internationally through community outreach and touring programs. Synetic's unique performance style is simultaneously avant-garde and accessible, with a broad appeal to a wide, culturally diverse, and cross-generational audience.

**Currently playing: Main Stage – *King Lear***, through May 8, 2011, in Crystal City, VA.

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