



Synetic Theater

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SYNETIC THEATER TO PERFORM POST'S "BEST OF DECADE" *HOST AND GUEST* IN NEW YORK CITY

Arlington, VA – On March 11, 2010, the Harriman Institute at Columbia University will present Synetic Theater's acclaimed production of *Host and Guest*, recently named one of the top five theater productions of the decade by the Washington Post. Originally produced in 2002 and remounted during the 2008/09 season, *Host and Guest* is based on the epic poem by Georgian writer Vazha Pshavela and centers around the tragic friendship between two men, one Muslim and one Christian, who befriend one another in time of war. Pshavela wrote the original poem around the turn of the 20th century, and it has become a classic of Georgian literary culture.

This event aims to raise funds to support the Harriman Institute's growing program in Georgian studies. Among universities in North America, Columbia's Harriman Institute has an unmatched record of promoting scholarship related to Georgia. It is ideally positioned to bring together Georgia experts from the broader New York area, including from international governmental and non-governmental organizations, universities, and cultural institutions with ties to Georgia and Georgian artists.

Tickets are available for a donation of \$100, \$200, \$500 or \$1,000, all tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. A limited number of tickets for the performance only are available for \$25 to Columbia ID holders. Tickets are available online at <http://www.millertheatre.com> or in person at the Miller Theatre, located at 116th Street and Broadway.

"This fall, we set out to build Synetic's audience, and I am thrilled that this event with the Harriman Institute at Columbia University will allow us to gain wider exposure and expand the reach of the company's innovative work. Hopefully, we will draw New York audiences down to the Washington area in the future." – Salma Qarnain, Managing Director

Host and Guest

Written by Roland Reed

Directed by Paata Tsikurishvili

Choreographed by Irina Tsikurishvili



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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.

Currently playing: **Main Stage - *Antony and Cleopatra***, through February 28, 2010, at the Shakespeare Theatre Company's Lansburgh Theatre. Stars Irina Tsikurishvili, eight-time Helen Hayes Award recipient. **Family Series - *Puss 'n Boots***, through March 14, 2010, at the Synetic Family Theater in Shirlington, VA.