



Synetic Theater

DC's Premier Physical Theater

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Synetic Pulls the Sheets Off *Othello* at The Kennedy Center on June 5

Arlington, VA – After thrilling audiences with its spectacular *Antony and Cleopatra*, Synetic once again infuses one of Shakespeare's most poignant tragedies with its "art of silence," exploring a tale of love destroyed by jealousy with its sixth wordless Shakespearean production, *Othello*. When the general Othello triumphantly returns home to the promise of peace and marriage, little can he know that his most trusted advisor is also one of the most fiendish and manipulative villains imaginable. Scandal is fueled, families and friendships destroyed, as a "trifle light as air" – a handkerchief – undoes them all.

Othello stars company members and Helen Hayes recipients Roger Payano as Othello and Salma Shaw as Desdemona, and features Irina Koval as Emilia and Scott Brown as Cassio, as well as company veterans Philip Fletcher, Alex Mills, Vato Tsikurishvili, Natalie Berk, and Armand Sindoni. *Othello* is performed as part of the 2010 International VSA Festival, and Synetic is proud to welcome Greg Anderson, an accomplished Deaf actor, to its Main Stage.

Based on the play by William Shakespeare
Adapted by Paata Tsikurishvili and Nathan Weinberger
Directed by Paata Tsikurishvili
Choreographed by Irina Tsikurishvili
Set and Costume Design by Anastasia R. Simes
Original Music by Konstantine Lortkipanidze
Lighting Design by Andrew F. Griffin

June 3 – July 3, 2010

Wednesdays – Saturday at 7:30 PM

Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 PM

Previews: Thursday, June 3, 7:30 PM; Friday, June 4, 7:30 PM; Saturday matinee, June 5, 1:30 PM

Opening/Press Night: Saturday, June 5, 2010, 7:30 PM

Location: Family Theater, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, 2700 F Street, NW Washington, DC 20566

Tickets: \$30 – 55 Regular (Discounts available for students, seniors, military, and groups) available at The Kennedy Center box office, 800-444-1324, or [online](#).

Recommended for ages 16 and up due to its suggestive content.

SPECIAL EVENT: Wednesday, June 9 – "Between the lines: Staging Without Words" Post-performance discussion with Paata Tsikurishvili and members of the visual theater community, including deaf *Othello* actor, Greg Anderson. Discussion will be ASL interpreted and captioned for the hearing impaired.

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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