



## Synetic Theater

DC's Premier Physical Theater

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### Synetic Theater's *King Lear* storms the Lansburgh Theatre on March 24!

**Arlington, VA** – After earning 14 Helen Hayes nominations for its 2010 calendar year (with *Othello* receiving 9 nominations) - Synetic Theater storms into the 2011 calendar year with Shakespeare's greatest tragedy – *King Lear*.

The seventh installment of Synetic's renowned "Silent Shakespeare" series is a provocative take on the Bard's dramatic masterpiece. Director Paata Tsikurishvili brings lightness to this dark and violent tale of a king's descent into madness and his search for humanity. This eye-popping production, packed with apocalyptic visuals, farce, knife-play and acrobatics is performed at the Lansburgh Theatre in a continued special alliance with The Shakespeare Theatre Company.

Overall, Synetic has earned 79 Helen Hayes Nominations and received 17 Helen Hayes Awards, garnering acclaim for its "Silent Shakespeare" repertoire (*Hamlet...the rest is silence, Macbeth, Romeo and Juliet, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Antony and Cleopatra* and *Othello*).

*King Lear* stars Helen Hayes Award winner Irakli Kavsadze in the title role and features Irina Tsikurishvili, Irina Koval, Ben Cunis, Chris Dinolfo, Philip Fletcher, Greg Anderson, Miřenka Āechov, Chris Galindo, Renata Loman, Peter Pereyra, Hector Reynoso, Dallas Tolentino, Ryan Tumulty and Matt Ward.

#### King Lear

Directed by Paata Tsikurishvili

Adapted by Paata Tsikurishvili and Ben Cunis

Choreographed by Irina Tsikurishvili

Costume Design by Georgi Alexi-Meskhishvili

Set Design by Phil Charlwood

Original Music by Konstantine Lortkipanidze

Sound Design by Irakli Kavsadze and Konstantine Lortkipanidze

Lighting Design by Andrew F. Griffin

#### Dates: March 24 – April 24 at the Lansburgh Theatre

Previews: Thursday, March 24 and Friday, March 25 at 8pm and Saturday, March 26 at 2pm

Regular Run: Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8pm, Saturdays and Sundays at 2pm

#### Opening: Saturday, March 26 at 8:00pm

**Location:** Lansburgh Theatre, 450 7<sup>th</sup> Street NW Washington, DC 20004

Metro: Archives-Navy Memorial-Penn Quarter (Green / Yellow Lines)

Box Office: 202.547.1122 or [www.synetictheater.org](http://www.synetictheater.org)

#### Tickets: \$40 -55

Student, military, senior and group discounts available.

#### 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 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.

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