





Kabuki/Bacche uses ancient theater style

University Theatre's presentation of Kabuki/Bacchae combines Greek drama ki in an engaging and entertaining perfor-

Euripedes' The Bacchae, which deals with the cult worship of the god of wine Dionysus, also known as Bacchus.

The original concept is by co-director Janet Descutner, associate professor and nead of the Department of Dance. The adaptation is by Norman Debue.

Set in early Shinto Japan, the role of Dionysus is replaced by the demon god

his divinity. Kugeaku's mother, Akuba, is gaudy, likewise guilty for claiming that Hi-No-Kami was fathered by a mere mortal rather than a god.

Kugeaku steadfastly refuses to believe n the power of Hi-No-Kami despite warnings by Tachi-Yaku, a blind soothsayer, and his own grandfather Fuge-Yaku Meanwhile, the possessed women of his city have run off into the hillsides to worship Hi-No-Kami

Enraged at Kugeaku's disrespect and the slanders against his mortal mother. Hi-No-Kami assumes human form to seek his revenge. The punishment he inflicts tragic, reaffirming the dominance of peo-

Hi-No-Kami is played with a perfect blend of frenzied madness and controlled age by freshman Eric Hansen. His lines are flawlessly articulated and his gestures xude the charisma of Hi-No-Kami,

Freshman theater arts major Michele Fox is equally convincing in her role as sugeaku. Fox's performance illustrates he bravado and cockiness of Kugeaku hat is the heart of his character.

Heidi Brikin Schreck's performance as Akuba is striking. Schreck is able to ransform herself from a giggly madwomn to a heartbroken mother in a matter of onds without any hint of awkward-

Steven Johnson's portrayal of the terrified herdsman is brief but memorable.

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and wonderment felt by his character into a tangible experience the audience can

The parrators, Charlie Rindt and O.B. and the Japanese theatrical style of Kabu- Babbs, set the ominous tone of the play Blended in with the hypnotic background music, composed by Derek Aimonetto, Kabuki/Bacchae is an adaptation of they provide interjections which keep the

Even the soldiers who accompany Kugeaku are skillfully portrayed, their very physical presence commands our attention although they never speak.

The performances alone are worth seeng, but the spectacular costumes and set design are an attraction in themselves.

The costumes, designed by Alexandra Bonds, director and associate professor of theater arts, are authentic and elaborate. Kugeaku, an arrogant ruler who scoffs at They add drama and style without being

> The scenery and lighting, designed by graduate scenic design student Steve McGillivray and graduate lighting design student Claude Heintz, is original and creative. The play opens with a blazing fire seemingly suspended in space. The audience is immediately captivated by the red, orange and yellow flames.

> One of the best scenes in the play is when the stage is transformed into a volcano ravaged land by Hi-No-Kami's rage. Our disbelief is totally suspended by the incredible re-enactment.

Co-director Jerry Williams, professor of upon Kugeaku and Akuba is ironic and theater arts, explained that Kabuki is a 375 year-old theater form which combines music, dancing and acting which lends itself stylistically to Greek drama. Unlike 20th century drama, Kabuki is not fixated on realism and naturalism. Imagination and unexpectedness are essential.

Kabuki Bacchae is well-paced and surprisingly humorous. Tragedy is blended with spurts of double entendre and wit into a thoroughly enjoyable play.

Tickets are \$6 for the general public and \$4 for students and senior citizens. All seats are reserved. Tickets are available at the Robinson Theatre box office from 12:30 to 4 pm Monday through Saturday and from 6:30 to 8:15 pm on performance nights.

Performances are set for May 17-19 and 25-26. Curtain time for all performances

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Calendar

Sunday, May 20 Symphonic and Campus Bands Joint Concert will be held in Beall Concert Hall at 4. Admission is free. Monday, May 21

University Men's and Women's Chorus Joint Concert will be held in Beall Concert Hall at 8 tonight. Admission is free.

Tuesday, May 22 University Gospel Ensemble will perform in Beall Concert Hall tonight at 8. Tickets are \$3 for general admission and \$1 for stu-

Nathan Cammack and his Percussion Ensemble and Jim Greenwood and his jazz band from LCC will perform in LCC Performing Arts department tonight at 8. Admission is free. Wednesday, May 23

Oregon Vocal Jazz Ensemble will perform at 8 tonight in Beall Concert Hall. Admission is \$3 for general public and \$1 for stu-

Thursday, May 24 Surrender Dorothy and Primordi al Soup will perform at the WOW Hall, 291 W. Eighth Ave., tonight at 9:30. Admission is \$3. Dan Sachs will feature his chamber choir at LCC's Performing Arts department at 8.



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