

Antigone: a tragedy or only agony?



Antigone's burial ritual for Polynices in defiance of King Creon's orders.

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Antigone is now playing at the Portland Center Stage until March 18.

Should you go to see it? Maybe you should sit back and read this article and decide for yourself.

This Greek tragedy begins after a bloody civil war where Antigone and her sister Ismene are the only survivors of a cursed family. Their brothers, Polynices and Eteocles, have killed each other during the war fighting on opposite sides.

Their uncle has become the new king by default, and has or-

dered Eteocles to be buried as a hero and Polynices to get no burial as a sign of disgrace for not fighting for him. He ordered it forbidden, with death as the consequence, to bury him.

This is where Antigone gets very mad and willfully disobeys the orders of the king by burying her brother. She gets caught and is sentenced to death.

Now you would think that this sounds like an ok play, right? Well, in my opinion, the story idea is great.

The play also includes a bit of incest and some nudity. In fact, I thought the girl who played the sister was absolutely hilarious. Being nude while delivering the humor was a good touch to accent the comedy, however, I didn't like the performance.

There were some very confusing moments in the play for me. Such as, every ten minutes or so, the actors would stop what they were doing and chant something in unison.



The king's son Haemon (Michael A. Newcomer) urges Antigone (Christina DeLaine) to become his lover.

Also, they had all of the actors on stage at all times. So while the main event was going on, you also could see what everybody else was doing. To me, this just made everything appear very busy. Too much was going on and it made it very hard to follow why everything was happening.

I would give the play two thumbs down. The plot was good, but I think they could have made more impact on the audience if they kept it simple and to the point.

But don't take my word for it. Go and see the play for yourself. You just might understand it all better than I could.

Horoscopes

By Chris Lundgren

Aries: Today you are in for a real treat. The heavens are poring out their blessings all around you. Relax and enjoy the ride.

Taurus: The direct approach has been a dismal failure. It's time for a little subterfuge. A bit of back-stabbing may be necessary evil, but be careful whose back you're aiming at.

Gemini: The pressure's building. The situation looks hazardous but if you don't react now, things could get terribly messy. Be decisive and take action.

Cancer: Fortune's wheel is turning

in your favor. Seize the day while you can. If a lucrative opportunity presents itself, take it. The odds are on your side.

Leo: Today's the day for friendship. Get in touch with an old chum, or branch out and find a new sole mate. If you smile, the world will smile with you.

Virgo: The stars are urging you to live up to your name today. Chastity will be the key to improving your situation. Abstain from all excess until equilibrium returns.

Libra: If life seems drab, romance may be the answer. The time for shy-

ness and humility has passed. Your secret crush has only seemed uninterested because they're waiting for you to make the first move.

Scorpio: The casting of bones indicates that it's time for a change. Your personnel quest is to find a new way of thinking. Resist returning to your old ways; the benefits will be numerous.

Sagittarius: Your hunger for

power will be your ruination if you cross the wrong person. Less crushing of your foes and more goodwill toward men will make you far happier in the long run.

Capricorn: Put your nose to the grindstone, turning your full attention to your work. Be industrious, but beware of taking on too many new projects. Focus on what you know.

Aquarius: A mask of happiness hides deep insecurities. Don't take things at face value, but be a comfort to those in need. Your healing touch is in high demand.

Pisces: The court is without a jester, and today you've been elected. Spread your goofiness throughout the world and embrace the idiosyncrasies that make you special. Go crazy!

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