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SOMETHING WICKED THIS WAY COMES TO ORLANDO SHAKES

Orlando, FL – The Bard’s most thrilling and famous tragedy comes to visceral, imaginative life onstage as Orlando Shakespeare Theater in Partnership with UCF presents William Shakespeare’s *Macbeth* as part of the Regions Bank Signature Series. The production runs April 2 through April 27 at the Lowndes Shakespeare Center in Loch Haven Park.

Shakespeare’s *Macbeth* begins with three witches, presented through Japanese Butoh (“dance of darkness”) movement, ominously prophesizing Macbeth’s rise to the Scottish throne. Spurred on by his dubiously ambitious wife, he pursues power at any cost and plunges his country into war, destruction, intrigue, and murder. This high-concept production mixes Medieval, Butoh, and contemporary elements in its portrayal of Scotland as the battleground between good versus evil, dark versus light. For the first time, the Margeson Theater will be converted into a theater in the round for an exciting and unique experience.

Macbeth will be directed by Orlando Shakes artistic director, Jim Helsinger with a talented cast that includes Ian Bedford as Macbeth, Jean Tafler as Lady Macbeth, with Eric Zivot as MacDuff and featuring Orlando Shakes veterans Anne Hering, Tim Williams, and Steven Patterson. Scenic designer Bob Phillips has created an evocative set, mixing elements of pagan and medieval influences. Bert Scott serves as lighting designer, Denise Warner as costume designer and Matthew Given as sound designer.

The production is made possible by the generous support of the Carlton Fields, Keating & Schlitt, PA, City of Orlando and the Guild of the Orlando Shakespeare Theater

William Shakespeare’s *Macbeth* runs April 2- April 27. Performances are Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20-\$37. Group rates are available. To buy tickets, call 407-447-1700 or visit orlandoshakes.org.

With Shakespeare as its standard and inspiration, the Orlando Shakespeare Theater in Partnership with UCF produces bold professional theater, develops new plays, and provides innovative educational experiences that enrich our community.

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