



For Event on Saturday, January 15, 3pm

Bluebird Arts and Education Alliance Brings the Arts to Fort Thomas

Playhouse in the Park's 'Dis/Troy' to play at Highlands High School

What: The Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park's regional premiere production of *Dis/Troy* by Yokanaan Kearns will be performed at Highlands High School's Performing Arts Center on Saturday, January 15, 2011, at 3pm.

Dis/Troy is an extraordinary theatrical adaptation of Homer's *The Iliad*. Set during the Trojan War, the play cuts to the core issues of the classic epic – glory, fate, revenge and homecoming. The Greek warrior hero Achilles refuses to fight, leading to disastrous results for both the Greeks and their enemy. Dramatic scenes in the mortal world alternate with comic scenes on Mount Olympus, where the gods are fighting their own, often ridiculous “war” to see which side will win. Funny, nimble and accessible, *Dis/Troy* retains the eloquence and complexity of Homer's well-known classic.

The play was developed and produced at Honolulu Theatre for Youth in 2004 and played at the John F. Kennedy Center New Visions/New Voices Festival in Washington, D.C. Four actors each play Greeks, Trojans and the Olympian Gods. The play features fantastic costumes, deep passions, high and low comedy, exciting stage combat and all the theatrical elements necessary to excite and engage people of all ages with this classic of Western Civilization. The themes of anger, self-control, jealousy and maturity, in particular, are deeply resonant for today's teens.

According to The Honolulu Star Bulletin, “It would be difficult to come up with a more entertaining and accessible treatment of The Iliad than playwright Yokanaan Kearns provides with *Dis/Troy*.” And The Honolulu Advertiser had this to say: “The remarkable thing about *Dis/Troy* ...is the way it blends outright silliness with realistic fight scenes to make Homer's *The Iliad* accessible to contemporary audiences.”

Info: Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the door, at Bowman's Frame Shop in Fort Thomas, or online at www.bluebirdalliance.com.

Who: Open to the Public

Where: Highlands High School
Performing Arts Center
2400 Memorial Parkway
Fort Thomas, KY 41075

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