

KWC to host Cambridge students' production of 'Macbeth'

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Kentucky Wesleyan College (KWC) will host students from England's Cambridge University for a production of William Shakespeare's "Macbeth" for two shows on Friday, Sept. 19, and Saturday, Sept. 20.

Students traveling to KWC are members of the Cambridge American Stage Tour, also known as CAST, and, according to Nate Gross, the college's director of theatre and associate professor of theatre, the students will be rooming with staff or friends in the community during their three-day stay in Owensboro. "I hosted the CAST group twice when I was in Georgia and was really happy when they wanted to put us on their tour for this year," Gross said. "They're going to stay right here with us...and we're gonna show them the best of Owensboro and look forward to their performances."

"Macbeth" is a tragedy written by William Shakespeare, first performed onstage in the early 1600s. It describes the story of a Scottish general, Macbeth, known for his bravery, who receives a prophecy from three witches. The witches tell Macbeth that he will one day be the King of Scotland. The play addresses how political ambitions and the need for power can provoke violence and murder, as Macbeth's drive to fulfill the witches' prophecy overwhelms him and causes him to act irrationally.

"Macbeth" is probably my favorite Shakespearean play, and I've personally played the role of Macbeth twice, once for Theatre Workshop here

in Owensboro and once when I was in California," Gross said. Gross said that "Macbeth" is one of the shorter Shakespearean tragedies, which makes the play a good option for most audiences. "You can perform it in about two hours without making any cuts to the script and most people make cuts in Shakespeare's scripts," he said. "Like 'Hamlet' would last four and a half hours with anything cut from it. And that's not what sells tickets today."

The play's action, including violence, the supernatural and murder, Gross said, makes the show entertaining and an

appropriate selection as Halloween approaches. "A lot of people put Shakespeare on this pedestal, but the plays can include all kinds of violence and sex. Of course, there's the intellectual aspect of the language and complex characters, but it's also just scary and spooky. Kings are assassinated, and it's a wild ride of a story," he said.


Gross explained that there are many scholars of theatre that feel that having English actors depict Shakespearean characters makes those productions more authentic, but he's not one who sub-

scribes to that belief. "I love Shakespeare, and think this group (CAST) does a very good job, but I also enjoy a lot of American Shakespeare troupes, too," he said. "Obviously, Shakespeare was from England, so maybe the British feel like they have a bigger claim to him, but everyone has the right to perform his works." Members of the CAST group are also performing "Macbeth" in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland and Georgia with the goal of bringing Shakespeare to the people in order to promote a stimulating

discussion about the works of the famous poet and playwright. In addition to the showings of "Macbeth," the students will also be hosting a free acting workshop for members of the community at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, on KWC's


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