ROUGH MAGIC

BY ROBERTO AGUIRRE-SACASA

directed by Myra Platt



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Liz Lay	Angie Harrison*	Paul Arnold*	Charge Artist
Josh Umbinetti	Jennifer Sipila*	Ryn Flynn*	Jordan Baker
House Manager Genesis Pardo			

CAST in order of appearance

Linda Summers / Alecto	Shannon Campbell
Prospero	Jay Myers
Miranda	Rachel Brun
Chet Baxter	Nic Morden
Melanie Porter	Hannah Ruwe
Ariel	Ben Phillips
Sasia	Elizabeth Officer
Caliban	William Li
Mr. Shylock	Andrew Pritzkau
Caius Marcius / student / waiter / bartender / nurse	
Tisiphone	Creighton Oliver
Megaera / Dr. Rosemary Ridgeon / student / waiter	Amanda Pieper

^{*} Member of the Master of Fine Arts Program in design.

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ABOUT THE PLAY

Rough Magic runs 2 hours, including a 10-minute intermission.

TIME AND PLACE

Rough Magic takes place on an enchanted island somewhere in the Mediterranean frozen in time and in present day Manhattan Island during an intense, summer heat wave.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

What a joy and honor it has been to work with this incredible design team and remarkable cast of heroic actors. Rough Magic boasts a delicate balance between a Shakespearean graphic novel and an episode of 30 Rock. It is a post-9/11 American tale of magic-realism grappling with nightmarish realms of destructive power. Everyone was asked to unleash their imaginations and investigate magic (beyond Harry Potter) in finding our approach to telling this enchanted story. We've driven ourselves crazy with, oh, simple questions like: What is real? Does magic exist? Can anyone be trusted with ultimate power? Together we explored the many allusions and theatrical themes that crack in this weird, thunderclap bravado of a script. As theater artists, we learn to trust our unique craft, and not rely on the trappings of what we are used to seeing in film, TV and computer imaging. Collectively, we have navigated our way through a world turned upside down, where terror seems to reign, and revenge enslaves our hopes and dreams. Creating theater can be terrifying. But what if the magical art of theater can, in fact, save lives?

- Myra Platt, Director

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

Myra Platt is Co-Artistic Director and Co-Founder (with Jane Jones) of Book-It Repertory Theater, helping to produce over 60 world-premiere stage adaptations. She has worked with such authors as Isabel Allende, Berkeley Breathed, Chris Cleave, David James Duncan, David Guterson, Pam Houston, John Irving, Stephanie Kallos, Jim Lynch, and Tom Robbins.

You can see her in Book-It's upcoming production of *Prairie Nocturne* by Ivan Doig,

and her adaptation of The Art of Racing in the Rain, by Garth Stein will premiere April 2012. Directing credits include Cry the Beloved Country, Giant, The House of the Spirits, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, Night Flight, Persuasion, Plainsong, The River Why and Sweet Thursday. Acting credits include performances at Seattle Repertory Theatre, the Mark Taper Forum, Intiman and New City Theater. Roles include The Awakening (Backstage West Garland Award), The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears, The Chairs, The Dying Gaul, Howards End, and the original role of Candy in The Cider House Rules. She (and Jane Jones) received the Paul G. Allen Foundation Founders Award, the 2010 Women of Influence, and the Seattle Times Unsung Heroes and Uncommon Genius for their 20-year contribution to the Puget Sound region.

ABOUT THE PLAYWRIGHT

Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa is an American playwright, screenwriter and comic-book writer best known for his work for Marvel Comics and for the HBO drama series *Big Love*. Born in Washington, D.C., the son of a prominent Nicaraguan diplomat, he was raised in both the United States and Nicaragua. He received his undergraduate degree at Georgetown University, where he studied playwriting under Donn B. Murphy. He holds a Masters Degree in English literature from McGill University and graduated the Yale School of Drama in 2003.

Aguirre-Sacasa grew up liking comic books and upon graduation began writing for Marvel Comics. In 2009, the Round House Theatre in Bethesda, Maryland, premiered his play The Picture of Dorian Gray, based on the novel by Oscar Wilde. That same year, Aguirre-Sacasa and artist Tonci Zonjic finished Marvel Comics' Marvel Divas miniseries, and he began working as a writer for the HBO series Big Love. In February 2010, he was announced to write the book for the musical adaption of the novel American Psycho. In 2011, Aguirre-Sacasa was approached by the producers of the troubled Broadway musical Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark to help rewrite its script. In May 2011, Aguirre-Sacasa was hired as a co-producer and writer of Glee.

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The Tempest
by William Shakespeare
Dover, 1999
Watchmen
by Alan Moore
DC Comics, 1995
The House of the Spirits
by Isabel Allende
Random House, 1986

