

## Falcon Theatre presents

## Troubadour Theater Company's ABBAMEMNON

## Directed by Matt Walker

Previews begin June 6, 2014

## OPENS Friday, June 13, 2014 at 8pm

**April 24, 2014 Burbank, CA** – Falcon Theatre is proud to present Troubadour Theater Company's *ABBAMEMNON*, **directed by Matt Walker**. Join us for a hysterical musical reimagining of the classic Greek tragedy *Agamemnon*, the sordid story of seduction and scheming, with the sweet Swedish sounds of the Seventies.

In this irreverent *Dancing Queen*-filled romp, the Ovation Award-winning Troubadour Theater Company brings the noise, the funk, and the dysfunctional-family vibe to this masterwork of the Greek canon. Why does Cassandra's *S.O.S.* plea to *Take a Chance on Me* fall on the deaf ears of the Elder Chorus? Will Clytemnestra's plan to kill Agamemnon come to fruition and will *The Winner Take All*? Will the Watchman ever get to sleep and say *I Have a Dream*? Will Aegisthus be able to pronounce his own name at *Waterloo*? Bloody and bold, fierce and funny, this production by the masters of mayhem is sure to entertain and enlighten.

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PREVIEWS: June 6 at 8pm, June 7 at 4pm & 8pm, June 8 at 4pm & 7pm

OPENING NIGHT: Friday, June 13, 2014 at 8pm SHOW CLOSES: Sunday, July 13, 2014 at 7pm

PERFORMANCES: Fri. at 8pm, Sat. at 4pm & 8pm, Sun. at 4pm & 7pm

PRICES: **Previews** \$29.50 - \$32.00

Opening Night \$52.00 - \$57.00 Weekends (Fri/Sat/Sun) \$39.50 - \$42.00

Student Rate (valid student ID) \$27.00

WHERE: Falcon Theatre, 4252 Riverside Dr., Burbank, CA 91505

TICKETS: (818) 955-8101 or FalconTheatre.com

TICKETS ON SALE: May 10, 2014

To arrange PRESS SEATS, schedule interviews or request additional editorial information or photos, please contact Chelsea Sutton at chelsea@falcontheatre.com.

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**Troubadour Theater Company** is a free-wheeling, no holds barred, Commedia Del Arte flavored, slapstick driven Los Angeles based ensemble of actors, musicians, and comedians that has been performing for audiences throughout Southern California and beyond since 1995. Their fast-paced, laugh-filled, loose adaptations (some of the lines are still there) of classic plays, literature and film, as well as their original productions and hilarious sketch material, make this company a unique and exciting experience for theater-goers of any age. The Troubies, as they are affectionately called, have played to audiences throughout California, performing in parks, schools, parades, Legion Halls, food festivals, and fringe festivals. The company is a Not for Profit organization and has performed charitably for many causes including animal conservation, adult rehabilitation, AIDS awareness, California Literacy Night for LAUSD, children with autism and other youth programs. Troubadour members have professional experience as writers, directors, and performers for film, television, theater, orchestra, and circus. In its adaptations of the Bard's classics, Troubadour has combined the beauty of Shakespeare's language with feats of acrobatic physicality, comic routines, and musical numbers. What makes for even more fun is the clownish, interactive style in which the performances are presented. Improvisation plays a large part as audience members are called upon to help erect the set, sing along, and even enlisted to play parts! Never the same show twice! In recent years the Troubies have put their spin on all genres of classic tales, such as A Midsummer Saturday Night's Fever Dream, Fleetwood MacBeth, Hamlet the Artist Formerly Known as Prince of Denmark and Frosty the Snow Manilow. Troubadour Theater Company was one of five arts organizations selected by the Santa Monica City Council to program youth entertainment at the Miles Memorial Playhouse in Santa Monica. The Troubies' travels have grown each year to include theaters in Hollywood (The Ford Amphitheatre, The Roxy on Sunset, The Matrix Theatre), Santa Monica (The Miles Memorial Playhouse), Malibu (The Getty Villa), Burbank (Falcon Theatre), La Mirada (La Mirada Theater for the Performing Arts), Long Beach (The Carpenter Center), Garden Grove (Grove Theatre Center), Fullerton (The Muckenthaler), Ojai (Ojai Shakespeare Festival), San Francisco (San Francisco Fringe Festival), Hailey, Idaho (sponsored by Company of Fools at the Liberty Theatre) and Adelaide, Australia (Adelaide Fringe Festival). The Troubies have ventured the high seas as well recently performing with Crystal Cruises as part of their Film & Theatre Cruise from New York to Turks/Caicos. The Troubies have received numerous accolades including the Ovation Award for Best Season in 2009 for their productions of As U2 Like It, Alice in One Hit Wonderland 2 - Through the Looking Glass and It's a Stevie Wonderful Life and in 2011 for their productions of The First Jo-el, A Wither's Tale and Fleetwood Macbeth. The Troubies are the first to win the prestigious Best Season award twice. Matt Walker was also presented with the Joel Hirschhorn Award for Achievement in Musical Theatre. For more information on the Troubies or details on how to donate to this growing troupe, please visit www.troubie.com.

Matt Walker (Director) has trained with Second City Improvisation, The Royal Shakespeare Company, The San Francisco Mime Troupe, Master Clown Bill Irwin, and is a graduate of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's Clown College. After a short stint as a circus clown with The Greatest Show on Earth, Matt returned to Los Angeles and resumed his post as Artistic Director for Troubadour Theater Company. With the Troubies, Matt has collected four Ovation awards, three LADCC awards, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree. Matt serves as an Adjutant Professor of Commedia dell'arte and Clowning for the University Southern California, and has written and directed shows for Universal Studios Theme Parks, Disney Imagineering, The Getty Villa, and most recently collaborated as an on-set-writer for Garry Marshall's *New Years Eve*. Many thanks to our audiences who give us a chance to live our dreams.

**The Falcon Theatre** is a 130-seat professional theatre that operates year-round in Burbank, California, built by Director/Writer/Producer Garry Marshall and his daughter Kathleen Marshall LaGambina. The Falcon opened in November of 1997 and launched its annual 5-play Subscription Series in 2002, currently produced by Kathleen and Sherry Greczmiel. Mr. Marshall founded the Falcon as a place where established artists and emerging talent can come together to create exciting work on stage.