

Announcing the 2023 Abilene High School Fine Arts Musical!

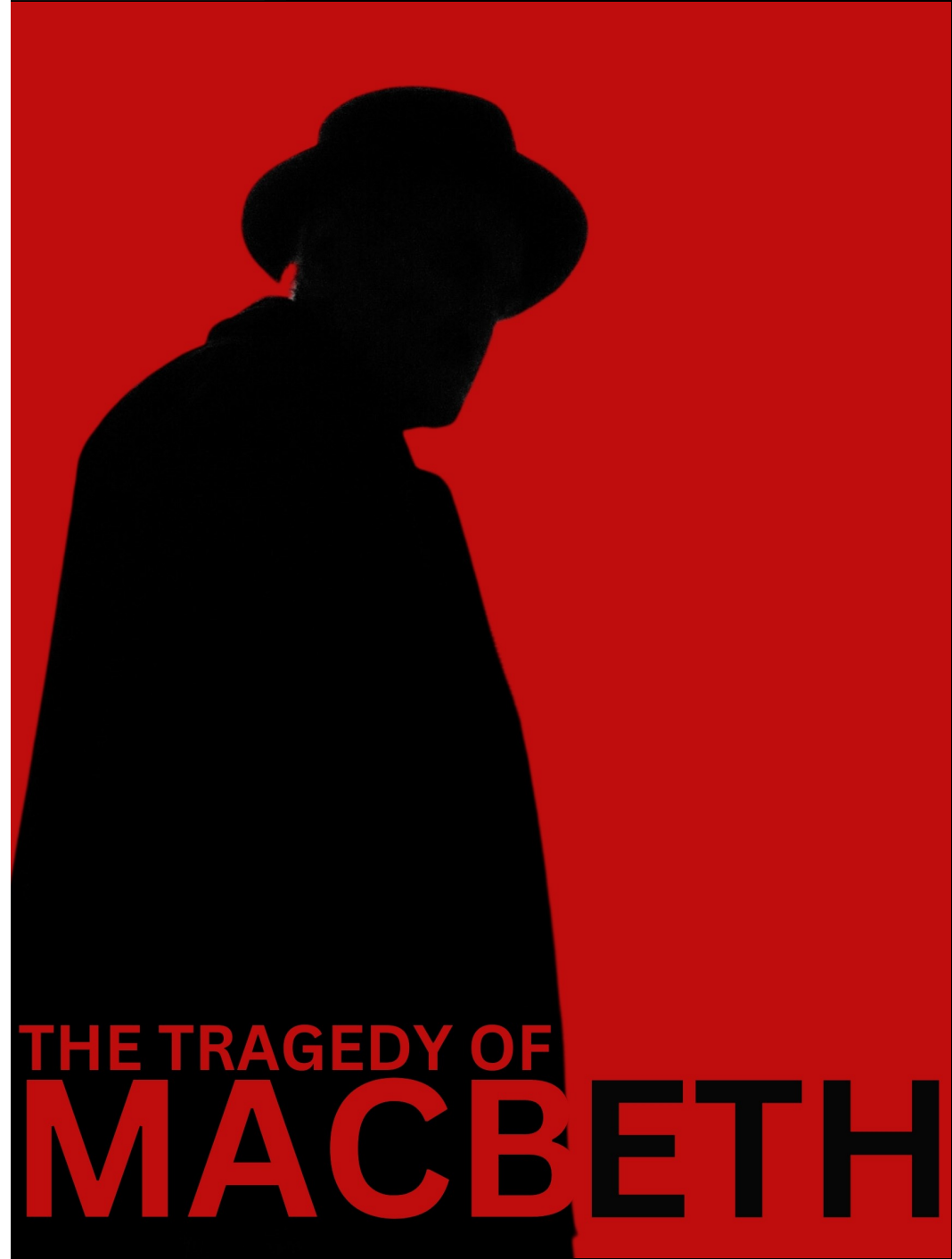


**Performances: January 25-27 @ 7pm
January 27 @ 2pm**

**Auditions: October 24-27 @ 4-6 pm
Watch for audition information next week!**

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**THE TRAGEDY OF
MACBETH**

A Note from the Director of *Macbeth*:

By the pricking of my thumbs, something wicked your way comes...

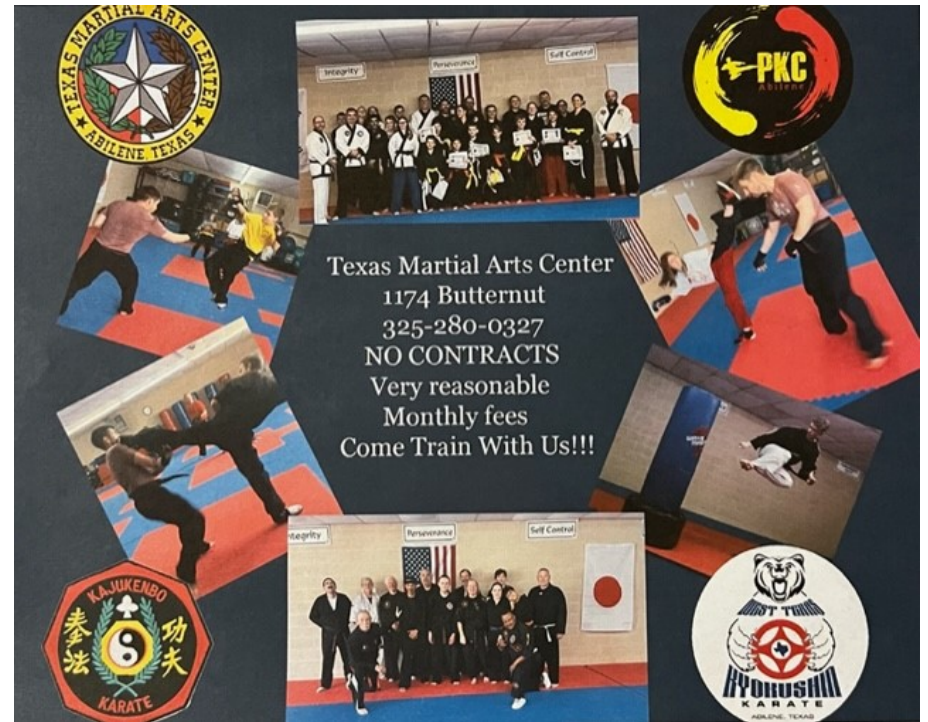
Welcome to Abilene High Theatre's production of *Macbeth*! This show has, for a lack of a better word, haunted me for a good portion of my life, and not just because I happen to teach sophomore English most of my day. From my literature classes, to design projects, to other regional productions, this play has seemed to stalk me since I was seventeen years old. It only felt right to choose this particular tragedy to direct. Funnily enough, I was not at all nervous about throwing such a challenge at these students. Time and time again they have proven their maturity, work ethic, and responsibility, and yet they have still managed to leave me breathless with their talent and commitment to such an undertaking.

To me, there are two types of Shakespearean tragedies: if-only's and of course's. If only Juliet had gotten Romeo's letter in time! If only Romeo had waited a few minutes to see his love alive! This kind of tragedy brings you to tears from the plain unfairness of it all. None of it should have happened, but it did, and it makes you angry at whatever neglect or stupidity led to that tragic end. *Macbeth* is an "of course" tragedy. Of course *Macbeth* is brought to ruin! Of course his path of murder only leads to death! This is a different kind of sorrow, and one I feel is more powerful—because it forces you to look at the ugly, hidden parts of yourself that you don't like. The ambition and greed that you hide away is forced into stark, fluorescent light onstage. A cautionary tale, indeed.

For those of you who are unaware, there is a legend that this show is cursed. You are not meant to say the word "Macbeth" on a stage, instead calling it the Scottish play, the bard's play, the Mad King, or other similar euphemisms. It's said that saying its name brings accidents and misfortune to the theatre. After seeing this production, I think you'll agree with me that the opposite seems to be true. This show has been nothing short of an absolute blessing for me, and I hope for all my actors, crew, and audience.

Mikayla Condra

*There will be a 10 minute intermission
between acts*



A collage of images related to martial arts training. It includes a group photo of students in white uniforms, a person performing a martial arts move on a red mat, and various martial arts logos. The central text reads: "Texas Martial Arts Center 1174 Butternut 325-280-0327 NO CONTRACTS Very reasonable Monthly fees Come Train With Us!!!". Logos for "Texas Martial Arts Center Abilene Texas", "PKC", "KAJUKENDO KARATE", and "HYORUSHI KARATE" are also visible.



Advertisement for Abilene Axe Company. It features a photo of a person throwing an axe at a target with the score "4321". The text includes: "ASK ABOUT OUR MOBILE TRAILER", "ABILENE AXE COMPANY", "EXPERIENCE ABILENE'S PREMIER AXE THROWING VENUE", "CONTACT US FOR SPECIAL GROUP RATES", "822 S. 2ND ST. ABILENE, TX 79602", "325.268.4106", and "Book your next date night, team building event or corporate party with us." Social media icons for Facebook and Instagram are also present.

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The Cast and Crew of *Macbeth* wishes to thank the following groups and individuals

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MACBETH

CAST

MACBETH.....	Jackson Riley*~
LADY MACBETH.....	Hope Arrazola*
WITCHES.....	Cori Kissick*~, Carrie Mercer*~, Aubrey Palmer*
BANQUO.....	Caleb Irwin*~
MACDUFF.....	Ben Jeter*
DUNCAN/SEYTON.....	Barrett Roberson*~
MALCOLM.....	Madi Serda*
DONALBAIN.....	Tarena Rodriguez*
ANGUS/DOCTOR.....	Zoe Jeter*
ROSS.....	Grace Eason*
LENNOX.....	Lily Lemmons
CAITHNESS.....	Gray McFadden
MENTEITH.....	Payton Reilly
FLEANCE.....	Brady Westmoreland
LADY MACDUFF/YOUNG SIWARD.....	Kelsie Patterson*~
MACDUFF'S SON.....	Syler Richardson*
MURDERERS.....	Eli Hauger*, Parker Pacheco*, Landon Schroeder*
PORTER/SERGEANT.....	Parker Pacheco*
CAPTAIN/LORD.....	Akanie Wynn/Rivera*
SIWARD.....	Landon Schroeder*
HECATE.....	Lauren McGrew
GENTLEWOMAN.....	Hayle Burton
APPARITIONS.....	Landon Schroeder*, Eli Hauger*, Brady Westmoreland
MESSENGERS/SERVANTS.....	Amy Neal*, Hayle Burton, Akanie Wynn-Rivera*, Jasper Kennedy*, Syler Richardson*

PRODUCTION STAFF/CREW

DIRECTOR.....	Mikayla Condra
DRAMATURG.....	James McGee
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR.....	Kyle Martin
STAGE MANAGER.....	Zjay Wright*~
LIGHT DESIGN.....	Isaac Massey
COSTUMES.....	Kade Wester*, Alayna Jeter, Mikayla Condra
LIGHT BOARD OP.....	Ian Daugherty
PROJECTION/SOUND OP.....	Alex Neal*
RUNNING CREW.....	Sami Bourne, Isis Giver, Gabby Kraft, Audrey Self, Zachary Gage, Jaidan McConn, Kacie Reyna, Abbey Spoor, Blake Ware, Kaitlynn Wood
SET CONSTRUCTION.....	Jaylin Arrendondo, Lorenzo Barela, Marcus Berry, Braniya Brown, Elicia Colbert, Xavier Cortez, Madalynn Davis, Elijah Enriquez, Kayden Fifield, Toribio Hernandez, Jackson Kitts, Natalia Martinez, Jaidan McConn, Logan Miller, Chris- tian Moreno, Matthew Ramos, Tony Rocha, Daniel Rodriguez, Calie Urvina, Jackie Verduzco, Daniela Alaniz, Gavin Brady, Symone Cano, Harley Culp, Benny Flores, Christian Garcia, Jasper Kennedy, Jami Kilpatrick, Kenny Larsen, Ian Lopez, Austin McMahan, Damian Oetting, Aaron Ramsey, Kaitlynn Wood
POSTER DESIGN.....	Tim Palmer

*denotes International Thespian Society (ITS) Member
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Abilene High School is home of Troupe #1818, a chapter of the International Thespian Society. ITS is an honor society for theatre students that exists to provide resources for learning about theatre, scholarship opportunities for those wishing to study theatre in college, and better the community through service projects and art education. To be inducted into ITS, students must accumulate at least 10 points and participate in at least 2 Abilene High Theatre productions. Points are earned by participating in theatre activities, either as an actor or in a behind-the-scenes capacity.



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