

American Players Theatre Opens Two More Plays in 2022 Season

Now Playing: *The Brothers Size* by Tarell Alvin McCraney, and *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare.

SPRING GREEN, WI: American Players Theatre (APT) will celebrate two more opening performances this week in its 43rd summer season line-up. *The Brothers Size* by Academy-Award winning screenwriter Tarell Alvin McCraney and directed by Core Company member, Gavin Lawrence, is set to open on Saturday, July 2, 2022, at 2:00 pm in The Touchstone Theatre. William Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, directed by Core Company member, James DeVita, will also open on Saturday, July 2, 2022 at 8:00 pm in the Hill Theatre.

The Brothers Size tells the story of Louisiana brothers Ogun and Oshoosi Size and a visitor from Oshoosi's past. A gripping and electric story, *The Brothers Size* features Rasell Holt, Derrick Moore, Nathan Barlow, and Jamaque Newberry in this contemporary drama originally slated for the 2020 season.

Last seen at APT in 2013, *Hamlet* returns to the Hill Theatre. This iconic play continues to connect with audiences through its mix of Shakespeare's poetic language and the story's relevancy for our, and every, era. Starring Core Company member Nate Burger in the titular role, this starlit ensemble features Kelsey Brennan, David Daniel, Alys Dickerson, Jamal James, , Chiké Johnson, Colleen Madden, and Triney Sandoval.

Artistic Director Brenda DeVita said of *The Brothers Size*, "McCraney uses his exquisite, poetic style to carve out the relationship between these three men, and their love for one another, and their frustration with one another, and their hopes for the future, which include just holding onto their livelihoods and their freedom. It's a gorgeous, powerful, heartbreaking play; And the amazing Gavin Lawrence – actor, and playwright, and the most thoughtful human I know – is making his directorial debut with this play. He's been thinking about this production for more than two years now, since it was first slated to be on stage in 2020. It's going to be one of those plays you don't want to miss."

DeVita continued, "*Hamlet* is one of those plays that we can see again and again, each time with new eyes and a new perspective. The heat of youth, or the clarity of experience – every subsequent production points us, as audience members, towards something completely novel. And at the same time, it's a universal story. We are incredibly fortunate to have this cast on board: Nate Burger, who is playing Hamlet, and who invests his whole heart in every role he plays. And Kelsey Brennan, who is like his best friend, playing his best friend, Horatio. And Alys Dickerson as Ophelia and Jamal James as Laertes, also great friends, playing brother and sister, with Chiké Johnson as Polonius, their father. And Colleen Madden and Triney Sandoval as Gertrude and Claudius. It's all the things: funny, and touching, and scary, and dangerous. And just deeply, deeply human. That's why we see it."

The Brothers Size and *Hamlet* will both play through October 8, 2022. For more information on tickets, please visit the APT website at www.americanplayers.org, or call the APT box office at (608) 588-2361.

About the Theater

APT is a professional repertory theater devoted to the great and future classics. It was founded in 1979 and continues to be one of the most popular outdoor classical theaters in the nation. APT is located in Spring Green, Wis., on 110 acres of hilly woods and meadows above the Wisconsin River. The 1,089-seat outdoor amphitheater is built within a natural hollow atop an oak-wooded hill. In 2009, APT opened the 201-seat, indoor Touchstone Theatre, offering a different type of play and experience. For more information, visit www.americanplayers.org.

Playing at APT this Season

The Rivals

By Richard Brinsley Sheridan
Directed by Aaron Posner
June 11 – September 17

Jane Austen's

Sense and Sensibility

Adapted by Jessica Swale
Directed by Marti Lyons
June 17 – October 9

Hamlet

By William Shakespeare
Directed by James DeVita
June 24-October 8

A Raisin in the Sun

By Lorraine Hansberry
Directed by Tasia A. Jones
August 5- October 7

Love's Labour's Lost

By William Shakespeare
Directed by Brenda DeVita
August 12- October 2

Touchstone Theatre

The River Bride

By Marisela Treviño Orta
Directed by Robert Ramirez
June 17- September 30

The Brothers Size

By Tarell Alvin McCraney
Directed by Gavin Lawrence
June 28 – October 8

The Moors

By Jen Silverman
Directed by Keira Fromm
August 13 – October 9

Stones in His Pockets

By Marie Jones
Directed by Tim Ocel
October 27 – November 20