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PROMETHEAN THEATRE ENSEMBLE TO PRESENT TIMBERLAKE
WERTENBAKER'S "OUT COUNTRY'S GOOD"

CHICAGO, Ill. ---

Promethean Theatre Ensemble will present Timberlake Wertenbaker's Tony and Olivier Award Winning Drama "Our Country's Good" at the Athenaeum Theatre from March 17 through April 7.

Based in part on historical record, Wertenbaker's drama deals with the challenges of a young military officer and a group of convicts attempting to stage a play in the newly formed penal colony of Australia. As the fledgling thespians face challenges from the difficult environment, the indifference and cruelty of the ruling officers, and their personal demons, we see the power of the theatre to transform their lives and help them build a new society in a new home.

For a young company attempting its second full production, life imitates art as these young performers and artists, almost all in their 20s, attempt this uniquely challenging drama. From the physical challenges of creating the 18th century costumes and settings, to the challenges for its ten actors to convincingly play numerous roles encompassing a polyglot of English dialects, the piece is often restricted to the purview of more seasoned companies with greater production resources at its disposal.

According to artistic Director Stephen Murray, "I've been having a love-affair with this play since my sophomore year at Northwestern. It is undoubtedly the most ambitious production our company has attempted to date, but its themes of the power of language and the transformative value of theatre as so completely at the core of everything this company is about, we just couldn't resist. Everyone involved from the actors, to the production team to our executive staff has jumped on board with such a commitment, it's been really amazing."

Promethean Theatre Ensemble's approach to theatre is based on a belief in the innate power of imagination, language and commitment to performance as a means to enlighten, entertain and educate its audiences.

“Our Country’s Good” stars Courtney Abbott, Kyla Embry, David Goodloe, Dan Granata, Anne Korajczyk, Brian Pastor, Mark Pracht, Ned Record, Christine Reinhardt, and Sam Wootten. The production is directed by Promethean Artistic Director Stephen F. Murray.

For more information on “Our Country’s Good” and Promethean Theatre Ensemble visit <<http://www.prometheantheatre.org>> or <<http://www.myspace.com/prometheantheatre>>

“Our Country’s Good” will be presented at the Athenaeum Theater, 2936 N. Southport, Chicago, IL , 60657. Performances are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturday’s at 8PM and Sunday’s at 2PM. Tickets may be by phone at 312-902-1500, on the web at ticketmaster.com or at the Athenaeum box office. Call 773-935-6860 for information and same day sales hours.