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**Metro Milwaukee High School Students Form  
Red Lion Theatre Company**  
*Inaugural production of MACBETH scheduled for June 3-4*

**Milwaukee, WI (May 16, 2016)** – High school students from all parts of the Milwaukee area have come together to form the **Red Lion Theatre Company**. The company is presenting its inaugural production of William Shakespeare’s **MACBETH**, directed by **Alison Pogorelc**, Friday, June 3rd and Saturday, June 4th at 7:00pm. on the Lake Park Summer Stage, 3233 E. Kenwood Blvd., Milwaukee. Admission is free.

The mission of the Red Lion Theatre Company is to create genuinely engaging theater through open-air performances. The ultimate vision of the company involves giving a new sector of Milwaukeeans the chance to experience Shakespeare through trained young performers. This production features students from ages 15 to 19 in **MACBETH**, one of Shakespeare’s most renowned tragedies, the intersection between political thriller, war story and fairy tale.

“There are a thousand reasons why we chose this play as our first production,” said Pogorelc. “It’s considered a cornerstone of classical theatre, and many people have a connection with this play. It transcends the limits of art forms and has stood the test of time.”

Pogorelc noted the piece allows the members of Red Lion Theatre Company to stretch their training, which includes the First Stage Theater Academy and their high school theater programs. “Emotionally, it’s not an easy play to put on, and to execute it well takes a really talented and well-trained group. It will be a really great showcase of the incredible young talent that we have,” Pogorelc continued.

Pogorelc is a senior at Whitefish Bay High School, and will be attending The New School of Drama in New York next year to pursue a B.F.A. in Acting. She is a proud member of the First Stage Young Company and has performed with countless theater companies in the Milwaukee and Chicago area for years, including First Stage, Skylight Music Theater, Milwaukee Rep, Marriott Lincolnshire, Off the Wall, Windfall, and Acacia. Recent honors include first place for her monologue at the Utah Shakespeare

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Festival Competition; Larry Lott Award for outstanding performance in an ensemble; first place in the Hal Leonard Vocal Competition ; first place in the Wisconsin Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing; and honorable mention from the National Young Arts Foundation. Pogorelc studied in Oxford, England with the British American Drama Academy, where she trained in both movement and speech.

The cast for MACBETH includes **Henry Lynch** (Macbeth) from Wauwatosa; **Taylor Kass** (Lady Macbeth) from Oconomowoc; **Max Wilson** (Macduff) from Bayside; **Stephen Johnson** (Banquo/Messenger) from Bayside; **Max Pink** (Malcolm) from Shorewood; **Tony Scotton** (Duncan/Seyton/Murderer) from Bayside; **Liam Hartnett** (Donalbain/Fleance/Young Siward/Macduff's Son) from Whitefish Bay; **Alex Quade** (Lennox) from Whitefish Bay; **Alec Wellenstein** (Ross) from Whitefish Bay; **Natalie Alteri** (Lady Macduff/Bloody Soldier/Gentle Woman) from Brookfield; **Mackenzie Swart** (Porter/Angus/Murderer) from Brookfield; **Kyra Swanson** (Attendant/Old Man/Lord/Murderer/Doctor) from Milwaukee; **Josie Trettin** (Witch 1) from Whitefish Bay; **Zoey Knox** (Witch 2) from Whitefish Bay; and **Madisyn Fairchild** (Witch 3) from Mukwonago.

The artistic staff for MACBETH also includes **Maddie Mainwood** (assistant director) from New Berlin. Milwaukee-area theatre professionals assisting with the production include **Christopher Elst** (fight choreographer); **Joshua Pohja** (movement coach); and **Patrick Schley** (administrative advisor).

### Fact Sheet

**About:** MACBETH

**Location:** Lake Park Summer Stage, 3233 E. Kenwood Blvd., Milwaukee

**Dates:** June 3-4, 2016 at 7:00pm

**Description:** One of the most powerful plays in Shakespeare's canon, "Macbeth" tells a story of political intrigue and personal frailty as Macbeth and his Lady struggle first with their ambition, and then with its dark consequences. The play is presented by the Red Lion Theatre Company, which features Milwaukee-area young people ages 15 to 19.

**Tickets & information:** Admission is free. Learn more at [www.RedLionTheatreCo.com](http://www.RedLionTheatreCo.com).

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