## Welcome to City Theatre!!

Thank you for putting a little theatre in your life.

#### Our Artistic Goal.

The City Theatre Company exists for Austin directors, designers, and performers who have one goal: the continued excellence in stage performances and the desire to bring that quality, commitment, and service to the central Texas theatrical community.

## The City Theatre.

One of the classiest places in Austin for an enjoyable evening of live theatre. With an intimate proscenium stage and seating for eighty-five, the theatre boasts a beautiful lounge with complimentary wine bar which is perfect for gathering before the show, front lobby and rehearsal area, costume dressing room, classroom space, and is only minutes from anywhere you need to go.

Contact us about booking your next theatre, music, or performance event.

Classroom, workshop, audition, or rehearsal space is also available.

A sponsored project of Austin Circle of Theaters, City Theatre is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization with additional funding from:







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Make a \$10 or more donation and get a nifty City Theatre t-shirt or tote bag. A variety of colors and sizes available in the lounge.

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## THE CITY THEATRE COMPANY

presents William Shakespeare's

# HAMLET

with

Hamlet – Aaron Black

Claudius – Tim Brown

**Gertrude** – Christy Smith

Ophelia – Shannon Davis

Polonius – Jeannie Harris

Laertes – Collin Bjork

Horatio - Omid Ghorashi

Rosencrantz – Clay Avery

Guildenstern/Marcellus – Alexander Hall

Fortinbras/Ghost/Gravedigger -

McArthur Moore

Player King – John McNeill

Player Queen/Barnardo/Osric – Leslie Robinson

Captain/Voltemand/Cornelius – Colter Creech

Setting: Denmark, 1935

There will be a ten minute intermission between acts.

Each act lasts approximately one hour and ten minutes.

The City Theatre is a member of and licensed through ASCAP,

The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

## Special thanks to.

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## 2009 - 2010 Season Tickets.

Lee Hagan Teresa Matlock Mary Ann Crowley
Robert Blanchette Aletha Huston Sue Tedford and Ted Flick
Jonathan and Lourdes Wooley Susan Fegley Mike and Sue Wood
JoAnn and Ed Farrell Sean Carr Milton and Barbara Carr
Bert Flanagan Annie Zaffrann Stanley Seaton Alexandra R. Wood
Bill and Karen Warren Claire Brooks Randle Sparks

## **Additional Contributors.**

Mr. Rick Crowley Mrs. Christine Lemp Dr. & Mrs. Ben Berkovsky
Mrs. Carmina Eaton Ms. Mary Ann Crowley Ms. Jennifer Bednorz Ashley Jorge
Mr. Jonathan Wooley Ms. Teresa Matlock Ms. Lisa Scheps Erik Virkkala
Concordia University Rodney & Donna LeRoy Mary Louise Donohoe
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## Congratulations to City Theatre!!!

Nominated for eight 2008 – 2009 Austin B. Iden Awards for Excellence in Theatre including Outstanding Production of a Drama for *Fences* and *Glengarry Glen Ross*. Since our inception in 2006, The City Theatre Company has been honored with twenty theatre nominations in acting, directing, and overall production.

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## **Stage Production Crew.**

Directed by Jeff Hinkle Stage Manager - Courtney Govea Scene Design - Andy Berkovsky Scenery Construction -Daniel LeFave and Clay Avery Costumes - Jessi Brill and Bert Flanagan Lighting – Andy Berkovsky Music by Mother Falcon Fight Choreography - Aaron Black, Collin Bjork and Jeff Hinkle Dumb Show Choreography - Libby Lovejoy Art work - Stacey Glazer House Management - Kate Crowley Assistant Management -Walter Pohlmeyer and Samantha Brewer Publicity Design - Joey Solis

#### A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR.

"You cannot demystify Hamlet; the sinuous enchantment has gone on too long. He has the place among fictive characters that Shakespeare occupies among writers: the centre of centre"- Harold Bloom.

There is no mystery of why Hamlet has been the most produced and performed of all of Shakespeare's plays. It is a work of timeless vitality and tremendous strength. The greatest of which is Hamlet's compelling variability. Shakespeare takes a medieval tale of a king murdered by his adulterous brother, and of the bereaved son who must avenge both the murder and the disgraceful marriage of his mother, and retells is in such a way that his Hamlet can accommodate the confident certainties of Elizabethan sensibilities, the emotional whirlwind of the high romantics, and the wrenching angst of existential doubt and post modern fragmentation of this day and age. Indeed, the play's portrayal of emotional charged contemplation of the self and of internalized action boiling over onto the stage is so unremittingly intense that it doesn't ask the audience for attention, but demands it.

Hamlet, the character is a mystery so profound that, like death that so preoccupies him, he refuses to be solved, and we, his audience, are left awestruck by his enigmatic persona--tortured, violent, capricious, shrewd, brilliant, baffled, cruel, kind, witty, proud, angry, and finally transcendent. We invite you to contemplate the greatest mystery of the living stage, discovery awaits.



## This Storyline Has Many Twists & Turns



The Austin Steam Train Association applauds the City Theatre Company and their great season of shows. When you want some entertaintainment with additional twists and turns, step aboard the train and take a trip down memory lane. Plus, enjoy the many special event trains throughout the year. Schedules and tickets available on the website. Hop online, then hop aboard!

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## City Theatre Production Staff.

Director & General Manager – Andy Berkovsky Production Manager – Kate Crowley Business Manager – Walter Pohlmeyer Technical Advisor – Daniel LeFave Management Assistant – Samantha Brewer Costume Design - Jessi Brill and Bert Flanagan Publicity Design - Joey Solis Production Assistants - Clay Avery, Jeff Hinkle and Stacey Glazer

### 2009 - 2010 Guest Directors.

Jeff Hinkle - Hamlet Lisa Jordan – A Raisin in the Sun Daniel LeFave – The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told

### The Critics So Far.

"CTC's first production Frozen...excellent."
"Reckless...just what the doctor ordered."
"Parallel Lives...will have you bent over with laughter."
"Crimes of the Heart...enjoyed this production more than anything else this year."

- The Austin Chronicle

"Glengarry Glen Ross...notch up another success for CTC!"
"Alice in Wonderland...a rollicking musical good time."
- Austin Live Theatre

"Fences...theatre not to be missed." – Austin Live Theatre
"Nunsense...best show I've seen in the Austin theatre scene."
- Austin On Stage

"...a treasure to be found within the realm of Austin theatre."
- Caught In The Act Magazine

"City Theatre is adorable." - Austin's Do512 Best Bets - The Austin American Statesman AC Pick - The Austin Chronicle Top Event - Austin 360

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Rabbit Hole by David Lindsay-Abaires Kick-Off Show September 16 – October 4

> Hamlet by William Shakespeare October 22 – November 15

Laughter on the 23rd Floor by Neil Simon November 19 – December 20

A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry February 25 – March 21

How the Other Half Loves by Alan Ayckbourn March 25 – April 18

The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told by Paul Rudnick
June 10 – July 4

2010 Summer Acts! Theatre Festival July 8 - 18

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof by Tennessee Williams
July 22 – August 15

Into the Woods A musical by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine
August 19 – September 12

Performances of **The Little Dog Laughed** pending scheduling and royalty rights' availability.

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