

Renaissance Austin Theatre  
in association with The VORTEX  
and in collaboration with Sky Candy Aerial  
and Circus Arts Collective  
presents

# THE TEMPEST: AN AERIAL TALE

Directed by Lorella Loftus and Andy Agne

April 29 – May 14, 2016

ASL-interpreted May 7<sup>th</sup>

Live streaming on [howlround.com/tv](http://howlround.com/tv) May 13<sup>th</sup>

Bonus industry night show Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

**Adaptation**

Lorella Loftus

**Aerial and Movement Choreography**

Andy Agne

**Original Music and Sound Design**

Chad Salvata

**Scenic Design**

Ann Marie Gordon

**Lighting Design**

Patrick Anthony

**Costume Design**

Shannon Mott

**Aerial Costume Design**

Ali Griggs

**Prop Design and Construction**

Elaine Jacobs and Angela Loftus

**Hair and Makeup Design**

Wendy Sanders

**Stage Manager**

Suzanne Smith

**Assistant Director**

Deb Streusand

**Aerial Costume Printing**

Ann Kilzer

**Assistant Stage Manager/Sound Operator**

Joshua Wallace

**Light Board Operator**

Marina Aligh

**Rigging Assistant**

Winnie Hsia

**Original Poster Art**

Ann Marie Gordon

**Graphic Design**

Melissa Vogt

**Photography**

Errich Petersen, Kimberley Mead

**Program Design**

Krystle Kelley

**The VORTEX Managing Director**

Melissa Vogt

**The VORTEX Producing Artistic Director**

Bonnie Cullum

## CAST

Prospero

David Boss

Older Prospero

Tom Swift

Caliban

Gabriel Maldonado

Sycorax

Gina Houston

Ferdinand

Kevin Tati

Miranda

Olivia Jimenez

Gonzalo

Jesus I. Valles-Morales

Alonso

Kera Blay

Antonio

Chelsea Manasseri

Sebastian

Kevin Moxley

Trinculo

Rachel Pallante

Stephano/Boatswain

Will Douglas

Ariel's voice

Lorella Loftus

## AERIALISTS

First Ariel

Sofia Rodriguez

Second Ariel

Emily Villarreal

Air Spirit/Iris

Wendy Sanders

Earth Spirit/Ceres

Caroline Poe

Fire Spirit/Juno

Micah Gause

Water Spirit/Atë

Winnie Hsia

**\*\*There will be one 15-minute intermission\*\***

Warning: Strobe lighting in effect!

Food and drink from The Butterfly Bar  
are allowed in the theatre!

## Scenic Construction

Ann Marie Gordon, Alex Cogburn, Elaine Jacobs,  
Shannon Stennis, Joshua Wallace, Jessica  
WebsterLove, Zachary Scarborough, Megan Kemp

## Electrics

Patrick Anthony, Jacqueline Sindelar, Alex Cogburn

## Special Thanks

Andy Agne and Sky Candy Aerial and Circus Arts  
Collective, Black Sun Studio, Melissa Vogt, Alex  
Cogburn, Talena Martinez, Deb Streusand, Bonnie  
Cullum, and all of the actors who helped with the  
development of the script.

## The VORTEX Mission Statement

We conjure and navigate the storm of imagination with  
urgent, unashamed art that dares to dream the world in  
which we want to live. This magic emanates from our  
cultural harbor, embraces diverse communities, breaks



## DIRECTORS' NOTE

In 1564, around the 23rd of April, in the English town of Stratford-Upon-Avon, William Shakespeare was born. 452 years later, in Austin, Texas, almost 5,000 miles away, a local theatre company and a local circus and aerial arts collective have come together to create a unique production of *The Tempest*.

Shakespeare is regarded by many as possibly the greatest writer in the English language, and *The Tempest* is regarded as the last play that he wrote (at least by himself).

As we celebrate Shakespeare's birthday, it seems fitting to wonder what he would have thought about our show. Although we don't have a system of elaborate trapdoors creating a 'Heavens' and a 'Hell' as they had at the original Globe Theatre, our aerial rigging performs some of the same functions. Our original composition and intricate soundscape mirrors the musicians in the Globe gallery, and our open proscenium creates a similar stage.

We are delighted to welcome you to our show. Our journey to Prospero's Island began with an idea and a chat, and what we found when we got there seems wonderful to us. We are very grateful to Bonnie Cullum and The VORTEX for making this possible, and to all of the dedicated and talented actors, aerialists, designers, assistants and operators who have traveled with us. Now, suspend your disbelief, and enjoy your visit to Prospero's Island.

### Lorella Loftus

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### Andy Agne

Sky Candy Aerial and Circus Arts Collective  
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Coming soon...

The VORTEX presents  
the World Premiere of  
**PRIVACY SETTINGS**  
A PROMETHEAN TALE  
Conceived and Directed by  
Heather Barfield

Devised by  
The Ensemble

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2016 AD . 8PM

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*Privacy Settings: A Promethean Tale* is an ensemble-devised interpretation of the Ancient Greek play *Prometheus Bound* by Aeschylus and based loosely on the actions and punishments of contemporary whistle-blowers, advocates for digital privacy rights and perversions of American civil liberties. *Privacy Settings* offers a "surveillance fun house" with opportunities for unique interactive experiences.



## Key Players

**Producing Artistic Director:** Bonnie Cullum

**Managing Director:** Melissa Vogt

**Business Manager:** Krystle Kelley

**Butterfly Bar Manager:** Nathan Porteshawver

**Box Office Manager:** Alex Cogburn

**Associate Artistic Directors:**

Rudy Ramirez, Heather Barfield

**Production Manager:** Tamara L. Farley

**Facilities:** Elaine Jacobs

**Development:** kt shorb, Edna Parra

**Web Mistress/Photography:** Kimberley Mead

**ASL Coordinator:** Monica Kurtz

**Computer Consultant:** Shannon Stennis



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## Resident Artists

Andy Agne, Jason Amato, Patrick Anthony, Hayley Armstrong, Pixie Avent, Heather Barfield, Toni Bravo, Betsy McCann Bromley, Alex Cogburn, Jennifer Coy, Bonnie Cullum, Mick D'Arcy, Anderson Dear, Trey Deason, David DeMaris, Andrea Dennison, Tamara L. Farley, Steven Fay, Michelle Fowler-Amato, Pam Fletcher Friday, Eryn Gettys, Paula Gilbert, Krysta Gonzales, Wendy Goodwin, Ann Marie Gordon, Adam Gunderson, Michelle Haché, Chris Humphrey, Jonathan Itchon, Nicklette Iuegbu, Elaine Jacobs, Karen Jambon, Krystle Kelley, Content Love Knowles, Monica Kurtz, Justin LaVergne, Lorella Loftus, Kira Lumiel, Tyler Mabry, Gabriel Maldonado, Chelsea Manasseri, Talena Martinez, Kimberley Mead, Aisha Melhem, Zell Miller III, Toby Minor, Shannon Mott, Emerald Mystiek, Yvonne Oaks, Helen Parish, Edna Parra, Matt Patterson, Errich Petersen, Amber Quick, Rudy Ramirez, Mindy Rast-Keenan, Laura Ray, Jennifer Rogers, Chad Salvata, Sergio R. Samayoa, kt shorb, Vikki Schwarz, Andreá Smith, Suzanne Smith, Shannon Stennis, Cedar Stevens, Roy Taylor, Amelia Turner, Jennie Underwood, Melissa Vogt, Patricia Wappner, Jessica WebsterLove





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