

Paly Theatre Program Upcoming Events

November 5-13, 2021	The Illusion
December 19, 2021	Play In A Day
March 4-20, 2022	Peter and The Starcatcher
May 13-15, 2022	Paly One Acts
May 25, 2022	Theatre 1-3 Classes Final Showcase
May 27, 2022	Senior Showcase

Paly Choir Program Upcoming Events

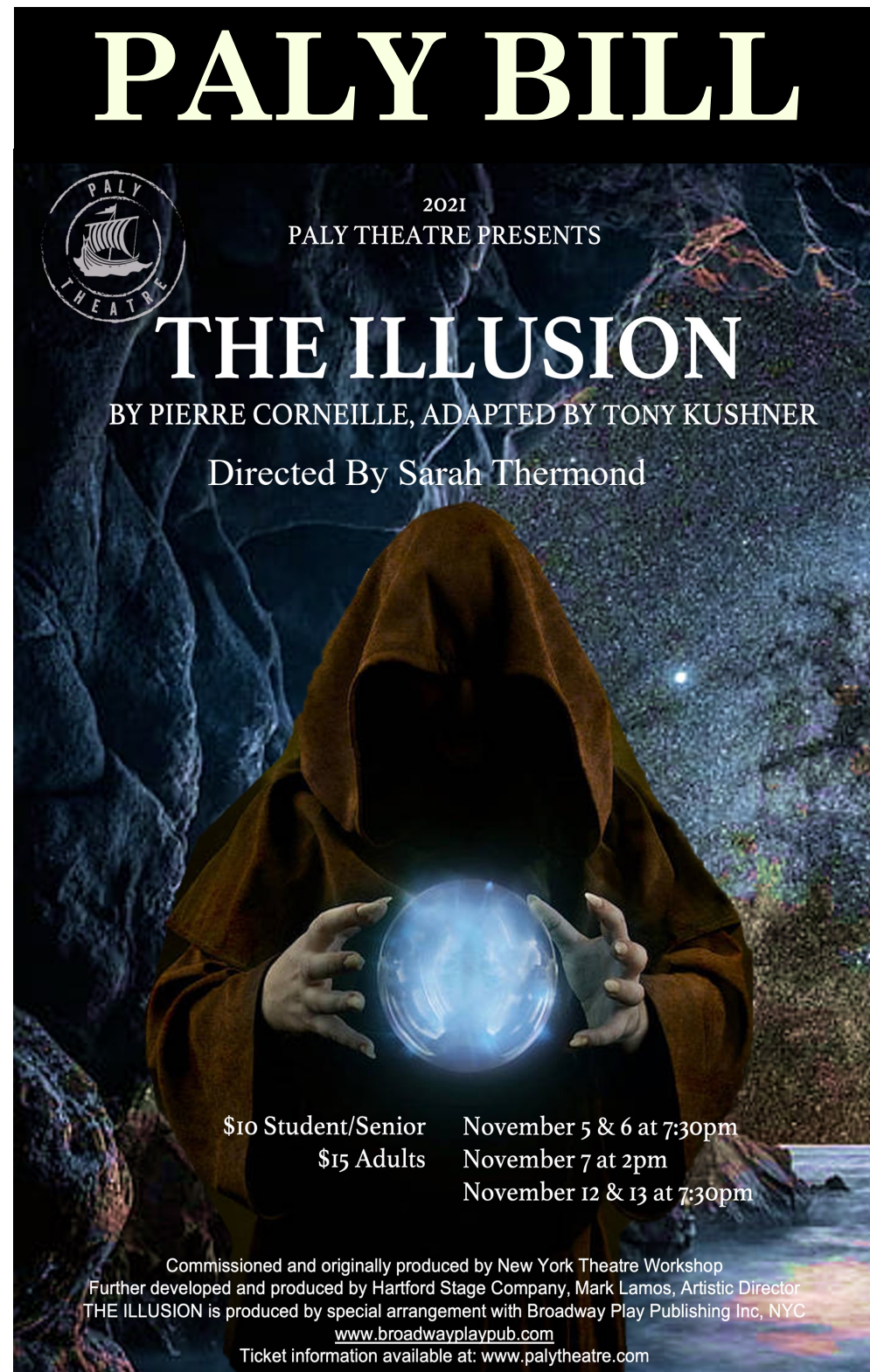
December 4-5, 2021	Madrigal Feast
February 9-10, 2022	Pops Concert
April 29, 2022	Spring Concert

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PALY BILL

2021
PALY THEATRE PRESENTS

THE ILLUSION

BY PIERRE CORNEILLE, ADAPTED BY TONY KUSHNER

Directed By Sarah Thermond

\$10 Student/Senior
\$15 Adults

November 5 & 6 at 7:30pm
November 7 at 2pm
November 12 & 13 at 7:30pm

Commissioned and originally produced by New York Theatre Workshop
Further developed and produced by Hartford Stage Company, Mark Lamos, Artistic Director
THE ILLUSION is produced by special arrangement with Broadway Play Publishing Inc, NYC
www.broadwayplaypub.com
Ticket information available at: www.palytheatre.com

ABOUT THE ILLUSION

The Illusion takes place in a mysterious cave in 1700s France.
The show runs approximately 2 hours with an intermission during
The Second Vision.



Please Turn Off All Cell Phones
The Videotaping or Other Video or Audio Recording of this Production is Strictly Prohibited

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Brent Kline and Jerry Berkson

Adult Staff

Director – Sara Thermond
Technical Advisors – Drew Carpenter, Kyle Langdon
Scenic Designer & Paint Instructor – Bob Wedemeyer
Lighting Instructor & Advisor – Ed Hunter
Props Advisor – Frances Davies
Fight Choreographer – Josh Marx

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Sox-Harris, Janine Hayward
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Janine Hayward
Strike: Claudia Truesdell, Paul Ferrante

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also to the following families for their generosity:

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Kristina Vetter
Sally-Ann Rudd

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Maya Blumenfeld
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Mark Solomons
Iva Reid
Colin Reid

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

When I was in middle-school, I worked on the props crew for a summer theatre program's production of *The Illusion*, and even then, I knew that I wanted to direct it someday. Broadway great Tony Kushner has taken Pierre Corneille's *L'Illusion Comique* and made it truly timeless, and the result is the best of both worlds: the humor, grandeur, and swash-buckling action of the greatest French dramas and farces, but with more accessible language and a more resonant message for our modern day.

At the start of the play, Pridamant's regrets and fears of her own mortality drive her to the cave of the sorceress Alcandre, the last place the respectable lawyer ever thought she'd go. Pridamant is desperate for news about her son, who ran away from home fifteen years ago due to Pridamant's own cruelty and mistreatment. Alcandre and her servants fulfill this request by promising Pridamant three visions of different parts of her son's life, but as the visions unfold, Pridamant begins to suspect that something is horribly wrong, and finding her son again might not be as simple as it seems.

The Illusion has it all: love triangles, slapstick humor, elegant settings, and an ending that will leave you wanting to watch the whole story again. But underneath all of the sorcery and swordplay, this play is about characters struggling to understand each other and make sense of the extremes to which they are each driven, whether their course of action is absurd or tragic. At the play's center is the story of a parent desperate to reconnect with their child, and of how watching the story of someone's life can leave the viewer themselves irrevocably changed. In a way, it's a celebration of the power of storytelling itself and the way it can connect us all as people.

Even if we weren't producing a fantasy-themed play, I think the whole team would agree that being back together on the PAC stage is a magical experience in its own right. I'm very proud of the work everyone has put into this production – and to adapting back to our home stage – and hope that you will enjoy its madness and mystery as much as we enjoyed making it.

- Sarah Thermond

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THE ILLUSION CAST

Pridamant of Avignon, a lawyer.....Anneke Salvadori**
 Alcandre, a sorceress.....Lucia Chen*
 The Amanuenses, Alcandre's servants.....Matthew Arradaza*
 Eloise Dumas*, Abi Friedland*, Talia Sabbag, Harvey Vostrejs*

The First Vision

Calisto, Pridamant's son.....Arnav Singhal*
 Melibea, the lady he loves.....Alisha Bernatzki*
 Elicia, the lady's maid.....Astrid Wuttke*
 Pleribo, the son's rival.....Kyle Vetter*

The Second Vision

Clindor, Pridamant's son.....Ameer Ali*
 Isabelle, the lady he loves.....Mina Fry*
 Lyse, the lady's maid.....Nila-Ann Nag*
 Adraste, the son's rival.....Gavin Thomas
 Matamore, a pompous knight.....Renee Vetter*
 Geronte, the lady's father.....Jack Champlin*

The Third Vision

Theogenes, Pridamant's son.....Miles Gardner*
 Hippolyta, the lady he loves.....Erin Brady*
 Clarina, the lady's former maid.....Rebecca Helft*
 Prince Florilame, the son's rival.....Noah Boyarsky
 Princess Rosine, the prince's wife.....Zoe Hayward

Members of the Court & Dancers.....Molly Christman,
 Briar Dorogusker, Zoe Hayward, Katelyn Gordon, Sienna Solomons,
 Nithila Subramanian, Gordon Terrell, Anna van Valkenburg,
 Kyle Vetter*, Angelina Yun

Ushers.....Trevor Axelrod, Ellie Edmonds, Finn Evenson,
 Samantha Fan, Everett Hentz, Athya Paramesh, Claire Shi, Elena Xu

*Indicates members of International Thespian Society Troupe 909

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THE ILLUSION PRODUCTION TEAMS

Assistant Director.....Niles Farag*
 Stage Manager.....Katel Fong*
 Assistant Stage Manager/Fight Captain.....Rae Sox-Harris*
 Props Designer.....Sonja Meyers*
 Assistant Props Designer.....Renee Vetter*
 Deck Manager.....Mireia Sainz Blasi*
 Props/Stage Crew.....Briana Furnish-Vega, Olivia Gee*,
 Sohan Sengupta, Sophia Vargha

Costume Designer.....Phoebe Berghout*
 Assistant Costume Designer.....Noah Boyarsky
 Costume Crew.....Raz Mazor-Hoofien, Emerson Stephens
 Hair & Make-Up Designers.....Maya Mazor-Hoofien**,
 Anneke Salvadori**, Rae Sox-Harris*

Hair & Make-Up Crew.....Cherry Arne*, Rebecca Helft*, Maile Lynn*,
 Raz Mazor-Hoofien, Kathryn Mendenhall, Nila-Ann Nag*,
 Jordan O'Reilly*, Emerson Stephens

Lighting Designers.....Sky Kahret*
 Light Board Op/Crew.....Rocco Ferrante
 Lighting Crew.....Niles Farag*, Katel Fong*, Maile Lynn*,
 Sienna Solomons, Rue Zadik

Sound Designer.....James Thomas*
 Sound Engineer/Board Op.....Ryan Hwangbo*
 A2/Sound Crew.....Alex Orr*, Gabriele Buonamico
 Master Carpenter.....Olivia Gee*
 Master Electrician.....Sky Kahret*
 Master Painter.....Rue Zadik

Builders & Painters....Cherry Arne*, Mireia Sainz Blasi*, Noah Boyarsky,
 Gabriele Buonamico, Molly Christman, Eloise Dumas*, Nicolas
 Federici, Rocco Ferrante, Abi Friedland*, Briana Furnish-Vega, Miles
 Gardner*, Olivia Gee*, Ryan Hwangbo*, Maile Lynn*, Raz Mazor-
 Hoofien, Kathryn Mendenhall, Sonja Meyers*, Talia Sabbag, Nithila
 Subramanian, Anna van Valkenburg, Sophie Vargha, Renee Vetter*,
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Painters: Cherry Arne*, Noah Boyarsky*, Niles Farag*, Maile Lynn*, Alex
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