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## SHAKESPEARE'S SCOTTISH PLAY PERFORMS FREE TO THE PUBLIC IN DOWNTOWN GLENDALE

*Brelby Theatre Company stages Macbeth at E. Lowell Rogers Amphitheatre in Murphy Park*

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** -- **The Brelby Theatre Company**, located in Historic Downtown Glendale, continues their eighth season with William Shakespeare's iconic tragedy, *Macbeth*. Free performances, lasting approximately two hours, will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4 and Sat., Nov. 5. Afternoon performances will take place at 2 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 5 and Sun., Nov. 6. All performances will take place at the E. Lowell Rogers Amphitheatre located in Murphy Park, 58th & W. Glendale avenues, in Glendale.

Performances are free admission. Audience members are encouraged to bring blankets, cushions, and anything else that will keep them comfortable during the outdoor performances.

Something wicked this way comes. The Brelby Theatre Company presents Shakespeare's tragedy about the passion two people have for each other and the gruesome consequences when that love is linked with a thirst for power. In a world complete with supernatural spirits, the prophecy of eerie witches that Macbeth will be made thane of Cawdor and eventually King of Scotland propels him down a path of tyranny, murder and madness. Join us for this epic tale of desire, betrayal and the struggle for power.

"We are so excited to be venturing into our first Shakespeare production in Murphy Park," said Artistic Director Shelby Maticic. "We've produced several of the Bard's pieces, and we've partnered on smaller projects in the Murphy Park Amphitheatre in the past, but this is going to be an entirely different experience. This interpretation of Macbeth features an incredibly diligent and talented cast, a skilled and inventive production team, and a lot of blood. It's not a tale for the squeamish...which seems like perfect timing so close to Halloween."

The Brelby Theatre Company, founded in 2009, has been Downtown Glendale's resident theatre company since 2013. In addition to staging musicals and classics, Brelby produces original theatre year-round in the West Valley. The company serves as a new works incubator, providing opportunities for local playwrights to see their pieces developed and produced. Brelby hosts classes, workshops, and has a resident improv team performing on a weekly basis. Macbeth will be Brelby's 51st production in the history of the prolific company, whose mission is to foster an environment for artists to imagine and grow freely, create quality, intimate theatre and inspire the community. For more information, please visit [www.brelby.com](http://www.brelby.com).

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