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ELEMENTAL THEATRE PRESENTS

A Bright Room Called Day

By Tony Kushner

Elemental Theatre is extremely excited to present an exhilaratingly intelligent and timely play by the Tony Award- and Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Tony Kushner. *A Bright Room Called Day* has been called “intoxicatingly visionary” by the Chicago Tribune, and the Village Voice proclaims that “[it’s] inhabitants revel in an extravagance of expression that fits both their chaotic times and their various isolations from it... all turned, teasingly, with a postmodern self-awareness that tatters the edges of their verbal glory.”

A Bright Room Called Day follows a bohemian group of artists, activists and expatriates struggling to preserve themselves in 1930s Berlin as their country surrenders to the seduction of fascism and the Nazi regime. The play takes place in the flat of Agnes Egging, an unremarkable actress who finds her country, in her words, “perched on the brink of a great historic crime.” Meanwhile, in a modern-day New York apartment (strongly resembling Agnes’), self-confessed paranoiac and left-wing crusader Zillah Katz demands that we examine our own political landscape through her own hyper-intelligent, hysterical, and uncomfortably insightful viewfinder. Both worlds continually ask the questions: What is evil? And who is responsible? This powerfully intelligent and heart-wrenching play challenges us to remember that although evil may seem inevitable, it is never irresistible.

Elemental Theatre has enlisted the talents of some of the finest theatre professionals in Rhode Island for this production, most notably director Peter Sampieri. Peter’s work has been the subject of much critical acclaim in recent years, due to his inventive staging and his penchant for focused, passionate storytelling. Local productions have included *Wit* and *A Christmas Carol* at Trinity Rep, and *The Grapes of Wrath*, *Red Noses*, and *Crime And Punishment* at the Gamm Theatre. Joining him are a cast of actors trained at the Trinity Rep Conservatory who have performed the Trinity, Gamm, and Perishable stages, as well as an exciting team of Rhode Island-based designers whose work have helped the off-Trinity Providence theatre community to produce to an ever-higher standard of professional and artistic excellence.

This is Elemental’s fourth full production, and the first following our successful second annual *Outbursts!* short play festival, which was hailed as “outrageous”, “fun”, and “delicious” by the Providence Phoenix. Elemental Theatre is dedicated to telling stories that move, challenge, entertain, and connect our artists to our audience.

Performances hosted by the Rhode Island Theatre Ensemble at the First Universalist Church, 250 Washington Street, Providence RI 02903, October 27, 28, 29, 30, and November 3, 4, 5, 6. Curtain at 8:00 pm Thursdays-Saturdays, 7:00 pm Sundays. For reservations or information, please call (401) 383-5146, or visit our website: www.elementaltheatre.org. Press are cordially invited on Thursday, October 27.

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AT A GLANCE

PRODUCTION: *A Bright Room Called Day* by Tony Kushner

DATES: October 27, 28, 29, 30 and November 3, 4, 5, 6

WHERE: R.I.T.E. @ The First Universalist Church
250 Washington Street
Providence RI 02903.

PERFORMANCE TIMES: Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8:00 P.M.
Sunday at 7:00 P.M.

TICKET PRICES: \$15/\$12 student/senior, \$10 artist Thursdays

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