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## **ARCADIA'S NEW THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS MODERN ADAPTATION OF GREEK DRAMA *ANTIGONE***

**Professionals integrate emerging artists in Arcadia's first professional  
Vaulting Ambition Theatre Company**

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**ARCADIA, CA** - June 29, 2018 - Arcadia Performing Arts Foundation will debut the fast-paced modern adaptation of the famous Greek classic *Antigone* at the Arcadia Performing Arts Center's Black Box Theatre. Directed by award-winning Whitney LaBarge of Arcadia Stage, the production features Kaitlin Aquino as princess Antigone fresh from her captivating lead role in *The Giver*, Hollywood actor Mark Peterson portraying the tyrant uncle Creon, and a stellar cast bringing to life profound themes of loyalty, justice, betrayal, and family honor.

*Antigone* is the premiere performance of Vaulting Ambition, Arcadia's new theatre company that integrates professionals side-by-side with emerging talent. For maximum immersion, the production takes place in the intimate Black Box Theatre with only 80 seats per performance.

For more details and ticket information, visit [www.arcadiapaf.org/antigone](http://www.arcadiapaf.org/antigone) or call the box office at (626) 821-1781. Performance dates are July 12th and 13th at 8:00pm, and July 15th matinee at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$15 student admission, \$25 general admission, and \$30 VIP.

### **About Whitney LaBarge**

Whitney LaBarge is a Los Angeles-based director, writer, actress, and teaching artist who has worked with A Noise Within, Pasadena Playhouse, MovingArts, 2Cents, The Circle Squared Collective, Theatre 360 and many others. Currently, Whitney is Community Relations Director for the Arcadia Performing Arts Foundation, and Founding Artistic Director for Arcadia's Vaulting Ambition Theatre Company. As an advocate for theatre arts education, she coaches private acting and auditions through Centre Stage, serves as Drama Teachers Association of Southern California (DTASC) coach for Arcadia High School where she has won seven first-place trophies, and directs her original adaptations for Arcadia Stage including *The Giver*, *The Secret in the Wings*, *Alice in Wonderland*, and *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Whitney received her double-major BA in Theatre and Creative Writing from California State University, Los Angeles.

### **About the Arcadia Performing Arts Foundation**

The Arcadia Performing Arts Foundation is a non-profit community transformation organization that supports the Arcadia Performing Arts Center, arts education in the schools, and arts programming in the Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley region. The busiest venue in the region with 256 days in production last year, the state-of-the-art venue features a 1,163-seat main hall, 125-seat black box theatre, outdoor courtyard for festivals, and rehearsal spaces for resident companies in dance, music, and theatre.

Located adjacent to Arcadia High School, the venue trains 1,350 students annually and elevates the school district's 67-year legacy of excellence. Former arts students include Stevie Nicks, Van Halen's Michael Anthony Sobolewski, NFL Hall of Famer and marching band member Bruce Matthews, and Emmy Award-winning producer of NBC's *The Voice* Barton Kimball.

Arts programming featuring world-class artists such as Paul Anka, Herb Alpert, Four Tops, Steve Tyrell, and Vicki Lawrence have engaged the community, raised funds for education, and cultivated youth development. Through the foundation's ArtWORK job program, students from high school through college have opportunities to intern, crew, and perform. The foundation supports the California Children's Choir which bridges the music education gap in schools, and the Black Box Series productions performed by its resident theatre company Vaulting Ambition.

The Arcadia Performing Arts Foundation was a 2018 Make Change Award Nominee and recognized for its impact-driven work. In 2018, the foundation became a certifying organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award and the center was recognized on the Los Angeles Business Journal's 2018 Top Performing Arts Center List.

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**New Theatre Company Presents Modern *ANTIGONE*:  
Professionals integrate emerging artists in Arcadia's first professional company**

**WHO: Arcadia Performing Arts Foundation**

**WHAT: *Antigone***

**TICKETS: \$15 student, \$25 general admission, \$30 VIP  
Arcadia Performing Arts Center Box Office | (626) 821-1781  
12-5pm | T-F | [arcadiapaf.org/antigone](http://arcadiapaf.org/antigone)**

**WHEN & WHERE:**

**July 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.  
Arcadia Performing Arts Center  
188 Campus Drive, Arcadia CA 91007**

**July 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.  
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**July 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.  
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