

Aún espero

Que el silencio me devuelva
tu vos

que tu sombra me entregue
tu cuerpo.
Que el aire me haga
respirarte,
que esta muerte demorada
me de tu vida,
que la lluvie enfríe
mi cuerpo
para sentir tu calor
de nuevo

Que la noche te traiga,
para amarme.

Que mis palabras te enciendan los ojos.

Que mis pensamientos te busquen donde estuviste y ya no estás.

Que el tiempo se mude de planeta para quedarnos los dos como antes.

Que haya una esperanza eso es lo que quiero en definitiva decir que quedó algo para decirme que estás vivo pero no estás.

- By Ana María Ponce

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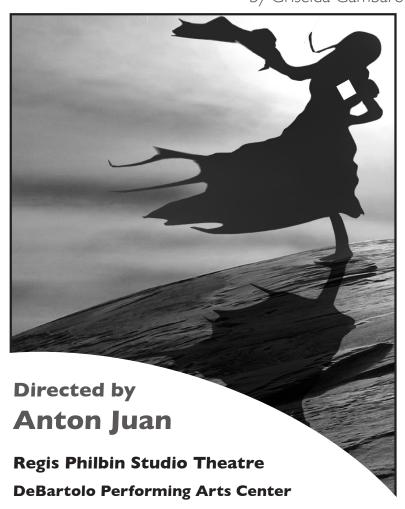
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## 2011-2012 NOTRE DAME THEATRE SEASON

The Department of Film, Television, and Theatre presents

# ANTIGONA FURIOSA



Thursday, February 23 | 7:30 PM Friday, February 24 | 7:30 PM Saturday, February 25 | 7:30 PM Sunday, February 26 | 2:30 PM Tuesday, February 28 | 7:30 PM Wednesday, February 29 | 7:30 PM Thursday, March 1 | 7:30 PM Friday, March 2 | 7:30 PM Saturday, March 3 | 7:30 PM Sunday, March 4 | 2:30 PM



#### **Notes from the Director**

ANTIGONAS FURIOSAS: RESURRECTING "DEAD" HISTORIES In 2010, I directed Griselda Gambaro's INFORMATION FOR FOREIGNERS in the Philippines. This play of Gambaro resurrects the voices of the tortured and the missing under the hands of the fascists and the forces of the military/dictatorial dispensation. Written during the Dirty War of Argentina, noted as a civil war, it was not performed in Argentina by Gambaro for fear that the production would have dangerous repercussions for her family. In 2010, after a series of massacres of radio newsmen and commentators and television investigative journalists, a continuing spate of covered-up kidnappings of newspaper editors and writers, and the abduction and murder of trade unionists in the Philippines, I decided to mount INFORMATION FOR FOREIGNERS to inform the indifferent "foreigners" of what had been happening in their own country. I believe this to be the most significant work of my lifetime, till now. The actual families of the missing joined the theatre company - composed of students, musicians, professionals, and visual artists - and created a manifesto at the end of the 1-hour long "tour macabre and burlesque macabre" which depicted their stories, and told the real stories of their missing kin and friends, very much like the Madres de la Plaza de Mayo. This is how Gambaro's work speaks to the world of the insularized and marginalized. In fact, the buried yet unburied truths: buried by those who killed these truths and the people who spoke out for freedom and justice, and unburied because they were missing. But now, actors, who are committed to the resurrection of truth and justice, now resurrect those who killed these truths, the people who spoke out for freedom and justice, and the unburied.

I am doing Gambaro's Antígona Furiosa, in order to bring the audiences of Notre Dame into other realities that will carry the university's true vision of social justice. During Argentina's military dictatorship, 30,000 people disappeared and were brought to detention centers. These people, to use the Filipino term, were "salvaged" - meaning tortured, subjected to psychological, sexual, physical abuse and then killed, by military personnel. 500 or more young children and babies whose mothers were kept alive long enough to give birth or to nourish their newborn till they too were killed, were given and appropriated to the families of high-ranking military officers and cronies. This strategy, echoed by dictators and tyrants all over the world throughout history, was planned as the "Process of National Reorganization." In my country, it was called "New Society". And, to instill fear and "discipline," these juntas suspended all civil liberties, took over the media, eradicated all political and democratic institutions, and embarked on a systematic "anti-subversive" operation in an attempt to eradicate not only members of suspect institutions and organizations, but also the members of their families. Creon; the Archbishop of Cologne, who in the medieval period ordered the massacre of the Jews; Hitler and his Nazis; Idi Amin; and Marcos are one person of many masks. In 1901, General Jacob Smith's historical first "Mai-Jai" declaration is as follows: ("I want no prisoners. I want you to kill and burn; the more you kill and burn, the better it will please me...The interior of Samar [island in the Philippines] must be made a howling wilderness...") during American military law in the Philippines resonates with the Argentinian Coup leader and President of the first military junta, General Videla. He stated, "In order to guarantee the security of the State, all necessary people will die." These butchers are one person of many masks. And all the authors who spoke of their own dirty wars - Sophocles, Brecht, Anouilh --- whose texts I have intercut for this production - have Antigones for all seasons, historical ruptures, and countries of heroes named Antigone who will fight to honor the law of humanity. Anti-agon. I hope to inspire the students and the audiences that theatre leads to realities, memories, and histories just as realities, marginalized and dismissed, converge in the theatre --- to be in ritual, resurrected.

On April 30, 1977, the Mothers decided it was time to start attracting attention. It was attended by 14 women whose sons or daughters had "disappeared." The mothers could not simply stand together, as this would have been tantamount

to holding an illegal demonstration. So they began to walk slowly in a counterclockwise circle around the center of the square. They attracted little attention at first, as there were few people around to observe the protest. Nevertheless, they were emboldened by their action. They decided to speak with other mothers and then plan a weekly walk around the plaza each Thursday afternoon, when the plaza was typically more crowded."

I dedicate the direction of this play to the people of Greece and their struggle to protect their patrimony against the dominant state and the Euro Cartel.

- Anton Juan

#### From the Archives:

Argentinian Griselda Gambaro's 1986 rewriting of the Antigone myth, Antígona Furiosa, is being performed at Notre Dame by the Department of Film, Television, and Theatre for the first time.

The Hellenists at the University of Notre Dame initially produced Sophocles's Antigone for Senior Class Week in June 1883, a year after celebrating the official opening of the new Exhibition Hall in 1882 (which quickly became the 'new' Washington Hall) with Oedipus Tyrannus. Students performed both productions in Greek with English text in the program to assist audience members whose Greek was minimal. Male students played all the roles, of course, in costumes and before a set designed by Luigi Gregori. Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Theatre next produced the Sophocles play in February 1969 in O'Laughlin Auditorium and Anouilh's (1943) version in May 1975 in the Moreau Little Theatre. October 1988 saw another production of Anouilh's Antigone, this time in O'Laughlin. Sophocles's play returned to the Washington Hall stage in a November/December 2001 FTT production, an especially challenging time due to the casting and rehearsal period occurring before and after the attacks of 9/11. See the Theatre Chronology at http://archives.nd.edu/search/theatre.htm and Washington Hall at Notre Dame, 127-28, 311. - Mark Pilkinton

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"O Glyki Mou" (Easter Hymn with Irene Pappas), "Lamento", "The River" by Vangelis, "Collected Fragments" by Eleni Karaindou , "Ave Verum Corpus" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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