

*Tempests*, presented by Tedious Brief Productions

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## TEDIOUS BRIEF NUKES THE FRINGE FROM ORBIT

June 14, 2011 (Minneapolis, MN) – Tedious Brief Productions presents *Tempests*, a Shakespearean adaptation of the classic film, *Aliens*, written as a sequel to the Bard's final play, *The Tempest*. The play is being produced as part of the Minnesota Fringe Festival which runs from August 4th through August 14th.

The story of *Tempests* picks up 20 years after the end of *The Tempest* to find Miranda returning to the island of her youth in the company of a fearsome group of marines. Their mission is to deal with a menace Miranda knows all too well: Fairies.

Building on the success of their hit show from the 2009 Minnesota Fringe Festival, *Bard Fiction*, Tedious Brief Productions returns to once again pull a modern film into the past, blurring the lines between pop culture and "high art."

The writers of *Bard Fiction*; Aaron Greer, Ben Tallen and Brian Watson-Jones, return to collaborate on the script while the fourth member of the company, Noë Tallen, takes the helm as director. Unlike many "Shakespeare-themed" shows at the Fringe, this play is actually written in iambic pentameter and Shakespearean prose. The cast includes local talents Katie Willer as Miranda and Jane Froiland as Ariel.

When asked what interested her in directing the play, Noë Tallen said, "It's a perfect combination of my love for science fiction and the Bard. It has elements of *The Tempest* and *Aliens* while still standing on its own as a new work. You don't have to be a film buff or a scholar to enjoy it."

Tickets are \$12 plus the purchase of a \$4 admission button good for the run of the Fringe Festival. All tickets are general admission and can be purchased at the theater 30 minutes before the scheduled start time or in advance on the Fringe Festival website, <http://www.fringefestival.org>.

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EVENT: Tempests  
WRITTEN BY: Aaron Greer, Ben Tallen and Brian Watson-Jones  
DIRECTED BY: Noë Tallen  
VENUE: U of M Rarig Center Thrust  
330 21<sup>st</sup> Ave S

TICKETS: \$12  
PERFORMANCES: Thursday, Aug 4th - 7:00pm  
Saturday, Aug 6th - 2:30pm  
Tuesday, Aug 9th - 10:00pm  
Thursday, Aug 11 - 8:30pm  
Saturday, Aug 13 - 10:00pm

Check out the trailer for the show at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o54qHT89h1g>

*Tempests* is presented as part of the 2011 Minnesota Fringe Festival. Please check <http://www.tediousbrief.com>, our Facebook page or the Fringe Festival's website <http://www.fringefestival.org> for more information.

Pitch Line:

"James Cameron's classic movie *Aliens* is re-imagined as a Shakespearean sequel to *The Tempest*. After twenty years, Miranda must return to the island of her childhood to confront her greatest nightmare."

About Tedious Brief Productions:

Originally formed two years ago for the purpose of bringing their first show, *Bard Fiction*, to the stage, Tedious Brief Productions is comprised of local actors and writers looking to create theater that blends "traditional" theater with popular entertainment of the modern day. We create work that is fun and engaging, hopefully bridging the gap between theater aficionados and the public at large.

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