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The British production company, Aquila, will perform ancient Greek playwright Aeschylus' work "Agamemnon," at 8 p.m. Nov. 10 in the Mandeville Auditorium at the University of California, San Diego.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$8 for seniors and \$6 for students, and may be purchased at the UCSD Box Office (5344559) and from TicketMaster outlets.

In a new translation for the stage by Peter Meineck, Graham Mitchell and Dirk Obbink, the play is presented to its full dramatic effect, while remaining faithful to the existing Greek text.

One of the best known of all the Greek tragedies, "Agamemnon" was first performed in Athens in 458 B.C. The play is the first part of Aeschylus' epic revenge trilogy, "The Oresteia."

Agamemnon, a Greek king, sacrificed his daughter Iphigeneia to the gods, in order to have them provide wind for his sails to return to Troy after the Trojan wars. His wife Clytemnestra has a grudge against Agamemnon, and plots her revenge with his cousin, Aegisthus. A purely psychological drama which rivals anything on the large or small screen, Aquila says its version of "Agamemnon" will leave the audience riveted to their seats.

Meineck said, "We will be exploiting the full intense power of the original Greek text, using stark staging and evocative lighting...we will attempt to shatter preconceived notions of Greek drama and present a gripping piece of theatre."

The cast is Graham Mitchell, Lloyd Notice, Antonia De Sancha (Clytemnestra), Kevin Howarth (Agamemnon), and Julie-Kate Olivier.

Producer Meineck was most recently with the London Small Theatre Company, which performed "Clouds" (1990) and "Frogs" (1991) at UCSD to sold-out houses.

This production will be directed by Meineck and Mitchell, with choreography by Jan Kitteridge. Lighting is by Peter Bull and costumes by Kate Whitehead. "Agamemnon" runs for approximately 90 minutes without an intermission.

"Agamemnon" is brought to San Diego by UCSD University Events.

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