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American Repertory Theater Announces American Sign Language Interpreted and Audio Described Performances of THE TEMPEST

Cambridge, Mass — American Repertory Theater (A.R.T.) will present American Sign Language (ASL) interpreted performances for the Deaf and hard of hearing and Audio Described performances for blind and low-vision audience members for its production of **THE TEMPEST** now playing at the Loeb Drama Center, 64 Battle Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

ASL Interpreted performances are scheduled for Tuesday, June 3 at 7:30pm and Sunday, June 8 at 2:00pm. The team includes: **Michael Krajnak**, Coach; **Jolanta Galloway** and **Jennifer Gibbons**, Interpreters

Audio Described performances are scheduled for Wednesday, June 4 at 7:30pm and Saturday, June 7 at 2:00pm. The team includes: **Alice Austin**, Primary Describer and **Janet Stankus**, Secondary Describer

A touch tour will precede all Audio Described performances. The tour includes a tactile tour of costumes and production materials, and will be held in the West Lobby one hour prior to curtain.

Shakespeare's *THE TEMPEST*, adapted and directed by Aaron Posner and Teller, with songs by Tom Waits and Kathleen Brennan, and choreography by Matt Kent of Pilobolus, opened at the Loeb Drama Center, Cambridge on May 11 and will run through June 15, 2014.

Experience Prospero's wizardry as never before in this thrilling new production featuring magic by the illusionist Teller (of the legendary duo Penn and Teller). When shipwrecked aristocrats wash up on the shores of Prospero's strange island, they find themselves immersed in a world of trickery and amazement, where Tom Waits and Kathleen Brennan's dusty music and Pilobolus' athletic movement animate the spirits and monsters. But the revels come to an end when the master magician realizes he has neglected his life in service of his art, and must now relinquish his conjuring in order to reclaim his life and provide for the future of his only child.

To purchase tickets for these performances email <u>boxoffice@amrep.org.</u> Deaf and hard-of-hearing patrons can also reach the theater by calling the toll-free N.E. Telephone Relay Center at 1-800-439-2370. Box office hours are Tuesday-Sunday from 12:00pm – 5:00pm.

For further information call 617-547-8300 or visit american repertory theater.org.

The Loeb Drama Center, located at 64 Brattle Street, Harvard Square, Cambridge, is accessible to persons with special needs and to those requiring wheelchair seating or first-floor restrooms.