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**A NOISE WITHIN ANNOUNCES "PAY WHAT YOU CAN"
DATES FOR ITS PRODUCTIONS OF *RICHARD III*
AND *CRIME AND PUNISHMENT***

A Noise Within, the critically acclaimed classical repertory theatre company, announces "Pay What You Can" dates for two of its fall 2009 productions, Shakespeare's spellbinding *THE TRAGEDY OF KING RICHARD III* and Fyodor Dostoyevsky's towering masterpiece *CRIME AND PUNISHMENT*.

"Pay What You Can" dates, which allow patrons to purchase tickets for what they can afford, are Thursday, October 1 for the *TRAGEDY OF KING RICHARD III* and Thursday, October 15 for *CRIME AND PUNISHMENT*. Both performances begin at 8 p.m.

"Pay What You Can" tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis based on availability, with a limit of two per person. Tickets must be purchased in person at the box office (234 South Brand Boulevard), after 2 p.m. on the day of the performance with cash only. (\$10 minimum suggested).

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE's compelling historic drama *RICHARD III*, one of three plays this season directed by Geoff Elliott, opens Saturday, October 3 and closes Sunday, December 12, 2009 (previews begin Saturday, September 26). With an eye to the crown and a heart of flint, Richard, Duke of Gloucester, gleefully murders his way to the top. Fueled by unquenchable bloodlust and endowed with an uncanny ability to charm his victims, this "bottled spider" weaves a tangled web and inadvertently snares his own soul. Shakespeare blends ruthless ambition and a wicked sense of humor to create one of literature's most memorable villains. The production is part of Shakespeare for a New Generation, a national initiative sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts in cooperation with Arts Midwest.

A new adaptation of **FYODOR DOSTOYEVSKY's** seminal *CRIME AND PUNISHMENT* created by Marilyn Campbell and Curt Columbus opens Saturday, October 17 and closes Thursday, December 17, 2009 (previews begin October 10). Craig Belknap directs this thrilling adaptation of a towering

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masterpiece, undertaken by three actors in a breathless 90 minutes, which explores the exquisite fragility of the mind. In a desperate quest to be redeemed for the perpetration of an unspeakable crime, brilliant Raskolnikov embodies humankind's eternal struggle between enlightened genius and the temptation of evil.

A NOISE WITHIN is located at 234 South Brand Boulevard, Glendale, CA 91204. To purchase tickets or for a full season brochure, call 818-240-0910 x1 or visit www.anoisewithin.org.

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