

The Seven, Will Power's hip hop retelling of Aeschylus' The Seven Against Thebes

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Ten Thousand Things (TTT) brings Will Power's *The Seven*, a hip hop retelling of *Aeschylus' The Seven Against Thebes*

. The story of two brothers who try to rule their kingdom peacefully despite their father's curse with four weekends of public performances at Open Book in Minneapolis February 15–March 10, 2013.

Sarah Rasmussen makes her TTT debut as guest director for the show. The cast features Katie Bradley, Aimee K. Bryant, H. Adam Harris, Kinaundrae Lee, Brian Sostek, Ricardo Vazquez, Joetta Wright, and Bruce A. Young.

Additional composition is provided by Justin Ellington, with Peter Vitale as music director, and Kahlil Queen and Aimee Bryant as co-choreographers. Sets are by Stephen Mohring and costumes by Annie Cady. Lindsey Cacich serves as assistant director.

Rasmussen worked with Power on the development of *The Seven* at the La Jolla Playhouse when she was a graduate student at the University of California-San Diego. Says TTT Artistic Director Michelle Hensley, "When Sarah approached me with the idea of doing this play, I immediately knew it would be such a powerful and relevant story for our audiences with its central question: How do you throw off the curse of a bad parent and find a way to stop fighting with yourself and your brothers and sisters? And I was excited at the prospect of challenging our traditional audiences to step onto the language turf of many of our non-traditional audiences!"

Rasmussen says, "Will has an incredible way of telling a story that invites in audiences of all ages and results in a truly immersive and theatrical experience. This play crackles with a spontaneous, informal and contemporary vernacular."

The Seven enjoyed a successful Off-Broadway run at the New York Theater Workshop, with the Village Voice labeling it "brilliant" and Time Out New York proclaiming it "a spectacular offering to the theater Gods."

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Tickets for the public performances of *The Seven* are \$25 (\$15 for students on Sundays) and are available at www.tenthousandthings.org or 800-838-3006. Open Book is located at 1011 Washington Ave S.