



The Oresteia

by Aeschylus

The Oresteia is a trilogy by Aeschylus, one of the foremost playwrights of ancient Greece. It encompasses three plays: *Agamemnon*, *The Libation Bearers*, and *The Furies*. It tells the tragic tale of the House of Atreus, whose inhabitants have been cursed and are doomed to play out their bloody, vengeful destinies. At the beginning of the first part, the Trojan War has ended and the Greek general, Agamemnon, is returning victorious to his wife Clytemnestra. Yet she finds it difficult to forgive his sacrifice of their daughter, Iphigenia, who was killed to ensure the Greek fleet fair winds in their voyage to Troy. Her desire for vengeance, and its dire consequences, instigates the action of these poetic tragedies.

Cast:

AGAMEMNON — StephenC
 AEGISTHUS — mb
 ORESTES — David O'Connell
 CLYTEMNESTRA — Christie Nowak
 CASSANDRA — Kristin Hughes
 ELECTRA — Claire Goget
 APOLLO — Andrew Lebrun
 ATHENA — Catharine Eastman
 PYTHIA — Kirsten Ferreri
 PYLADES — Annoying Twit

HERALD — tipaew
 NURSE — Elizabeth Klett
 WATCHMAN — Joe Earley
 ATTENDANT — Fr. Richard Zeile of Detroit
 ATTENDANT WOMAN — Jennifer Stearns
 NARRATOR — Justin Barrett
 CHORUS in *Agamemnon* — Andy Minter
 CHORUS in *The Libation-Bearers* — Jc Guan
 CHORUS in *The Furies* — Kara Shallenberg,
 Rosalind Wills, and Christie Nowak

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