Theatre Group Brings Greek Tragedy “Antigone” into The Future

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Antigone, the great Greek tragedy, may never be the same after Impact Theatre is done with it! Impact, never a theatre to produce traditional offerings, has outdone itself with its latest production.

Entitled "See How We Are," the show takes place in the future. One is immediately reminded of the television shows “Battlestar Galactica” and “Star Trek.” All the characters in the play are dressed in stark white costumes, and the set is completely white as well. Even the flowers that are brought to the home of the Bank family are completely white. One character wears a “Star Wars” storm trooper helmet, and several characters carry futuristic-looking white guns, adding to the innovative look of the set design.

This world-premiere play, written and directed by Jon Tracy, takes a new look at a family’s infighting and inability to decide who will rule their country after their father’s death. The two brothers (played by Seth Thygesen and Ryan Tasker) finally decide to take turns, but in the end both die. NOTE: Be prepared for some bloody scenes! Both brothers end up quite blood-splattered by the end.

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If you are a science fiction or fantasy fan, this is truly the play for you. “See How We Are” plays Thursday-Saturday at 8 p.m., through October 17 at Impact Theatre in Berkeley. Tickets can be bought online at www.impacttheatre.com.

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