



MACBETH

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Above: Andrew Zox, Cleo House, Jr., and Eric Hissom (Weird Sisters). Photo by Carol Pratt. Below: Ian Merrill Peakes (Macbeth) and Kate Eastwood Norris (Lady Macbeth). Photo by T. Charles Erickson. *Macbeth*, conceived and directed by Teller and Aaron Posner, Folger Theatre in a co-production with Two River Theater Company, 2008. Folger Shakespeare Library.

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SYNOPSIS

Following a fierce battle, Macbeth, a Scottish nobleman, meets three “weird sisters” who tell him that he will be “king hereafter.” Macbeth becomes convinced that he can only become king of Scotland by killing Duncan, the present king. Macbeth tells his wife about his meeting with the witches, and she tells him that she will take charge of the preparations for Duncan’s murder. Macbeth kills the king, and he and Lady Macbeth become king and queen of Scotland. Macbeth arranges other murders to secure his hold on the throne, including the slaughter of the innocent Lady Macduff and her children. Enraged by his family’s murder, the nobleman Macduff unites with Duncan’s son Malcolm and other Scottish nobles to raise a rebellion. Macduff confronts and kills Macbeth. Malcolm becomes king. Learn more at www.folger.edu/editions.



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CHARACTER CONNECTIONS

The Royal Family

Malcolm
Duncan's Eldest Son

Duncan
King of Scotland

Donalbain
Duncan's Second Son

The English Army

Siward
English General

Young Siward

The Three Weird Sisters

King Duncan's Army

Macbeth ——— **Lady Macbeth**
Thane of Glamis Macbeth's wife

Macduff ——— **Lady Macduff**
a Thane Macduff's wife

Young Macduff

Banquo
a Thane

Fleance
Banquo's son

Commanders & Soldiers

Ross
A Lord

Lennox
A Lord

Caithness
A Lord

Mentieth
A Lord

Sergeant

Macbeth's Castle

Angus **Gentlewoman** **Doctor**
Macbeth's Attendant

Seyton **Servant** **Porter**
Macbeth's Page

Murderer **Murderer**

CHARACTER KEY

Main Characters = **white**

Secondary Characters = **black**