



THREE QUESTIONS:

Join us each week as we interview a local theater artist and ask them three questions to get a taste of what is going on in Chicagoland theaters. For this issue we visited with **Glenn Proud, artistic director of LiveWire Chicago Theatre and director of the upcoming production *The Love of the Nightingale* by Timberlake Wertenbaker.**

Q: What is *The Love of the Nightingale* about?

A: *The Love of the Nightingale* is a play based on the Greek myth of Philomele and Procne, as well as Ovid's short story Tereus. Using Ancient Greece as the backdrop, Timberlake Wertenbaker explores the violence that occurs when individuals and countries are forced into silence. It's a mythical violent tale, for a modern violent time.

Q: What excites you about directing this show?

A: I am excited by the very nature of this play. It's a story that is so topical for this day and age, it's shocking. The idea of violence being reverberated through time, as a result of no one speaking out is very powerful. It illustrates that even though history repeats itself, it's a sad state of affairs when humanity fails to learn the lessons of previous generations.

Q: You are also appearing onstage in the Greek chorus. How do you like directing yourself?

A: I found that directing myself was fine. I could never be wrong. But seriously, it's very challenging and rewarding at the same time. I was blessed to have a fantastic production team that allowed me to operate on both sides of the stage effectively. Also, I'm very honored to be acting along with such an amazing group of actors, who helped me to see the bigger picture even while I'm on stage.

For more information on *The Love of the Nightingale* and LiveWire Chicago Theatre please visit www.livewirechicago.com.

Thursday, April 12

THE LOVE OF THE NIGHTINGALE

**LiveWire Chicago Theatre at the side project
1439 W. Jarvis, Chicago**

Theater Thursday patrons will enjoy Greek appetizers and wine with the Bacchae as they mingle with the cast and crew before and after the show and give praise to Dionysis, god of wine, promoter of civilization, lawgiver and lover of peace. Timberlake Wertenbaker offers a rich retelling of the Philomele story of Greek myth, demonstrating the violence that stems from forced silence.



**Reception begins at 7:00 p.m.; Show begins at 8:00 p.m.; Tickets: \$25
For reservations, call 773-412-8089 and mention "Theater Thursdays."
Visit <http://www.livewirechicago.com/> for more information.**