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Shakespeare meets Homer Simpson in MACHOMER 85% Shakespeare 100% Hilarious

Doth Birnam wood come to the Nuclear Power Plant? You bet it does when the Simpsons meet *Macbeth*. Rick Miller plays over fifty characters in this phenomenally entertaining show which has delighted audiences from coast to coast. The cowardly, ambitious Homer is a funny yet tragic hero, aided and abetted by the faithful Marge, who has always worn the pants in the family.

"It may not be 'art', but the TV show 'The Simpsons' is extremely artistic, holding a satirical mirror up to society much William Shakespeare's plays did to Elizabethan England," says MacHomer creator or and performer Rick Miller. "I find it somewhat poetic that in Homer's hands, Macbeth's vaulting ambition ranges from wanting the throne to wanting a doughnut.

With plenty of projections from America's favorite show, it's a tale told by an idiot, a train wreck and a triumph both for Bart and the Bard.

THEATREWORKS will present MacHomer in the Dusty Loo Bon Vivant Theatre November 4-8. Tickets are \$35.

Rick Miller (Creator and Performer) trained in Montreal as an architect, actor, and singer, and has performed in five languages on five continents. As the Artistic Director of WYRD Productions, he has created and performed the award-winning solo shows *Art?*, *Slightly Bent*, and the worldwide hit *MacHomer*. He has also co-created *Into the Ring* with Dawson Nichols, and both *HardSell* and *Bigger Than Jesus* and with Daniel Brooks: the latter won 3 DORA awards in 2005 including Best Actor. *Bigger Than Jesus* has been performed in English, French, Italian and German, and a feature film is currently in development. Rick has worked extensively with internationally renowned director Robert Lepage, on such plays as *La Géométrie des Miracles*, *Zulu Time* (co-created with Peter Gabriel), the film *Possible Worlds*, and the new 9-hour play entitled *Lipsynch*. Rick hosts ABC's primetime hit TV series, *Just for Laughs*. He lives in Toronto with his wife Stephanie Baptist and their daughters Vivian and Ellen. www.rickmiller.ca

WYRD Productions

Incorporated in January of 2000, **WYRD Productions** has been developing of new theatre since 1995. Founded by Rick Miller and Jeff Lord as a company devoted to multi-disciplinary artistic creation, it has since evolved into one of Canada's leading international exporters of culture. Blending theatre and comedy, art and entertainment, music and multimedia, WYRD has produced the award-winning shows *MacHomer*, *Art?*, *Slightly Bent*, *Into The Ring* (with Dawson Nichols) and *Bigger Than Jesus* (with Daniel Brooks and Necessary Angel Theatre Company), and *HardSell* (with Daniel Brooks). *MacHomer* has toured for over 10 years and over half a million people in 150 cities worldwide. Also on tour is the DORA award-winning *Bigger Than Jesus*, performed in 4 languages.

www.wyrdproductions.com

FACT SHEET

MacHomer

Presented in association with WYRD Productions and Robert Friedman Presents

WHEN/WHERE: Dusty Loo Bon Vivant Theater
University Hall
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Colorado Springs, CO 80918
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www.theatreworksCS.org

November 4-7
Wednesday-Sunday at 7:30 p.m.
Matinees on Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

RUNNING TIME About 75 minutes with no intermission

TICKETS: **All Seats** \$35 Tickets

Children under 5 will not be admitted.

For more information call the THEATREWORKS Box Office at (719) 255-3232 or e-mail: Tickets@uccs.edu. Reservations online at www.theatreworksCS.org