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## Shakespeare Meets "The Simpsons" in a Hilarious Stage Show

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA – Have you ever wondered what would happen if William Shakespeare had the cast of "The Simpsons" perform his classic tragedy, *Macbeth*? Find out on Monday, November 7, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center when Cal Poly Arts presents Rick Miller's solo tour-de-force comedy, *MacHomer*.

"Terrific! It's intelligent, often hilariously funny; it works like gangbusters and the laughs are continuous." (*Los Angeles Times*)

"A hyper fast-forward meld of Shakespeare and 'The Simpsons'...Miller is fast, skilled and determined. Impressively Simpsonian." (*San Francisco Chronicle*)

With a script that remains 85% Shakespeare, Rick Miller's vocal spectacular features impressions of over 50 voices from TV's "The Simpsons" in a hilarious performance of *Macbeth*. Spot-on impressions of characters from the hit series populate this imaginatively staged version of the tragedy – a multi-media update truly "full of sound and fury." The result is that rare jewel: an educational and entertaining show, perfect for audiences of all ages.

Conceived as a *Macbeth* cast party sketch in 1994, *MacHomer* has since evolved into a worldwide smash hit. In its various incarnations, Miller's virtuosic solo performance has been seen by over half a million people on four continents and continues to draw sell-out crowds and rave reviews. Over the years, *MacHomer* has also been highlighted at the world's most prestigious festivals, including the Edinburgh Fringe, the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, and the Just For Laughs International Comedy Festival.

Prestigious venues that have presented *MacHomer* include The Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., the National Arts Center in Ottawa, Canada, the California Shakespeare Theatre, and the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre.

Patrons are invited to attend a free pre-show lecture at 6:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center's Philips Recital Hall.

Student and adult tickets for the performance range from \$16 to \$38 and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Center Ticket Office, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

To order by phone, call 805/756-2787; to order by fax: 805/756-6088.

24-hour on-line ordering is available at [www.calpolyarts.org](http://www.calpolyarts.org).

*10% discount offered to groups of 10 or more. (Not applicable to student rates)*

Sponsored by Bill & Harriette Shaffner.

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