

Trinity Rep opens with retelling of classic story

By Jeff McDonough

It has been said there are no new stories left to tell — only old stories with a fresh perspective.

Such is the case with the Trinity Repertory Company's dramatic season opener and world premiere of "The Dreams of Antigone." It may be 2,500-year-old Greek tale, but one could believe the guts of the story were snatched from the headlines of this morning's newspaper.

Written by Trinity Rep artistic director Curt Columbus, the play is a modern-day interpretation of Sophocles' classic tragedy — an ancient story of faith and courage, of civil rights, of personal

and social responsibility.

"It's quite a story," Columbus said of the play. "Antigone is a young woman who confronts a political monolith and demands change. The king, the government, the authority, is forced to react. She's a revolutionary figure."

"Our play doesn't stop with one person's stand, but shows us the whole family, the whole community, wrestling with the difficult questions. It's a much more democratic impulse than Sophocles imagined," he added.

Antigone stands alone against the king's law. She's a troubled loner shouting for what is right.

In the end, her courage to go after what is right sparks a groundswell change in society.

With a talented cast from the Trinity Rep resident company and directed by Brian McEleney, the play is emotional, lively and well acted. The actors are believable, the plot moves quickly and the audience is drawn into the tense drama in the theater's intimate setting.

This is Trinity Reps' 45th season. "The Dreams of Antigone" runs through Sunday, Oct. 26 in the Trinity Rep Dowling Theater. Tickets are available by calling 351-4242 or online at www.trinityrep.com.



Camping out

Being too young to be an official Cub Scout did not stop Jack Pritchard, 15 months, from camping out with the Pack on Saturday.

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