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Hillsdale College Tower Players Perform ‘Ajax’ by Sophocles

The play, which opened on Wednesday, tells the story of a Greek hero’s tragic humiliation.

HILLSDALE, Mich. — The Hillsdale College Tower Players hosted their opening performance of “Ajax” on Wednesday. Written by the Athenian playwright Sophocles in the fifth century B.C., the tragedy follows a Greek hero from the Trojan War after his attempt to avenge his honor ends in humiliation.

“Although the play is ancient, it deals with timeless themes that the audience can identify with — pride, anger, and what happens when great men fall,” said Professor of Theatre James Brandon, who directed the performance. “It also shows the triumph of wisdom over strength as a source of heroic greatness.”

Sophocles’ ancient tragedy tells the story of Ajax, one of the greatest Greek heroes of the Trojan War. When wounded pride and a sense of injustice lead Ajax to attack his brothers in arms, the gods turn his would-be revenge into humiliation. The play considers what to do with a fallen hero — and with a fallen hero’s memory.

“Ajax” is the second Tower Players production this season. Additional performances will be Friday, Nov. 15, and Saturday, Nov. 16, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. in Markel Auditorium. Admission is free, and no tickets are required. For more information, contact Hillsdale College Box Office at boxoffice@hillsdale.edu or (517) 607-2848.

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