

PRESS RELEASE

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STUDIO 2NDSTAGE KICKS OFF ITS SEASON WITH THE INTERGALACTIC PREMIERE OF *ASTRO BOY AND THE GOD OF COMICS*

“Writer-director Onoda has a rare mind’s eye and an even rarer ability to get her audience to see through it.”—*Time Out Chicago*

Astro Boy and the God of Comics
created and directed by **Natsu Onoda Power**
Intergalactic Premiere
performances begin February 15, 2012
in Stage 4

Studio 2ndStage starts with a bang with *Astro Boy and the God of Comics*, a highly visual, retro-sci-fi performance about the 1960s animation series *Astro Boy* and its creator Osamu Tezuka. The show is created and directed by **Natsu Onoda Power**, director of last year’s 2ndStage hit *Songs of the Dragons Flying to Heaven*.

Astro Boy and the God of Comics combines Tezuka’s life, the history of Japanese animation, and the fictional world of Astro Boy, a crime-fighting boy robot. It’s a high/low-tech multimedia extravaganza, featuring on-stage drawing, interactive video, and 1960s-style animation, and created specifically for Studio 2ndStage.

The 2011-2012 season of the Studio 2ndStage is generously underwritten by Don and Nancy Bliss and A. Fenner Milton.

ASTRO BOY AND THE GOD OF COMICS INFORMATION

Where: Stage 4

Dates: February 15-March 11, 2012

Performances: Wednesday-Saturday: 8:30pm, Sunday: 7:30pm

Ticket Prices: \$38-43

Press Opening: Sunday, February 19, 2012

Director/Designers: **Natsu Onoda Power** (Creator/Director), **Luciana Stecconi** (Setting), **Andrew Griffin** (Lighting), **Frank Labovitz** (Costumes), **Evan Rogers** (Sound), **Jared Mezzocchi** (Projections), **Adrien-Alice Hansel** (Dramaturgy)

THE STUDIO 2NDSTAGE INFORMATION:

Under the leadership of Keith Alan Baker, The Studio 2ndStage combines raw space with urban, creative energy; experienced artistic direction; and amazing new talent. Now in its 24th year, 2ndStage “has long

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been a playground for... directors and actors (and, naturally, some of its riskier experiments)" (*The Washington Post*). The Studio 2ndStage is defined by its commitment to taking risks, developing new artists, and producing sexy, daring, and audacious work.

DISCOUNTS

Student, senior citizen (62+) and military discount: \$5 off (except Saturday evenings).

Student Rush: \$19 tickets for full-time students are available one-half hour before curtain on a seating available basis (except Saturday evenings).

Groups: For parties of 10 or more. Call the Group Sales Manager at 202-232-7267.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Accessibility: All performances are fully accessible to accommodate patrons with special needs. FM listening assistive system available. Call for schedule of sign-interpreted performances. Accessible seats available by reservation. Call the Box Office at 202-332-3300 or V/TTY 202-667-8436.

Location: 1501 14th Street, NW (Northeast corner of 14th and P Streets).

Parking: Please call the Box Office for parking information.

Metro Stops: Red Line: Dupont Circle, Orange/Blue Lines: McPherson Square, and Green/Yellow Line: U Street/Cardozo.

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