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Cherished SF landmark stars in a new play



Lauren Matley/We Players

San Francisco's We Players troupe presents "Roman Women," a new work created for Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco.



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It's not a Roman ruin, because the Romans never conquered San Francisco (at least not that we know of).

But the Palace of Fine Arts is a fascinating relic in its own right, a classical-inspired palace designed by Bernard Maybeck as a temporary structure for the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition and preserved and restored ever since because it's so elegant.

Now We Players is bringing a taste of ancient Rome to the Palace with the premiere of its latest new work, "Roman Women." The Bay Area theater company specializes in site-integrated adaptations of, and new work inspired by, classic stories such as Shakespeare, Homer and "Beowulf" that are largely performed in parks, historic sites and other outdoor locations.

We Players now presents a ritual performance with live music, physical theater and dance inspired by the evocative architecture of the Palace. With text drawn from Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," an all-female ensemble looks at women's lives in the late Roman Republic and in the 21st century.

Details: Through May 28; Palace of Fine Arts; San Francisco; \$30-\$60;
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