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Medea kills her children. If director Catherine Bertrand and the Salem Theatre Company get it right, we'll understand exactly why she does it. The play opens this weekend at the company's new home in Shetland Park in Salem, running through March 26.

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Caroline Watson-Felt, left, plays Medea and Jay Connolly plays Jason in 'Medea,' the Salem Theatre Company's first production in its new home at Shetland Park. Wicked Local Staff Photo / David Sokol



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see it as a revenge play," Bertrand says of "Medea," which runs through

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Caroline Watson-Felt, left, plays Medea and Jay Connolly plays Jason in the play. The sets out to take her life back. That's more important to her than revenge.



"We're watching Medea's journey as the play progresses," she says. "She doesn't start out there. She's abused and abandoned, and she feels like she has no other choice. It's hard, and it can be hard to watch, because you know it's coming and there's nothing you can do about it."

Bertrand has chose to use a modern version, written by British playwright Ben Power, which premiered in London in 2014. That production made liberal use of choreography, which Bertrand has adapted in a toned-down way.

"We're playing with the chorus, and the movement," she says. "We have just enough to help the story along. It's sort of an homage to the Greek style, and the presence of the chorus.

"I've cast Katie Donovan as the chorus leader — she has a direct relationship with Medea. There are six other women in the chorus, and I've tried

to pair lines up with one person or another. It seems to me that there are individual women in the chorus, not just them speaking as a group."

Sets and dress are mostly modern in the STC production. "It's not futuristic or anything like that. Initially I saw it as totally urban: metal and stone. But what we landed on was a kind of scaffolding that everyone can climb on, and a floor with painted stone. There are things that you'll recognize every now and then."

The longevity of "Medea" is directly tied to the dramatic possibilities inherent in the original. The murder of the children still has the ability to shock; also, Medea's position as a societal outcast (a "barbarian," as Euripides calls her), and her obvious condition as a powerless woman surrounded by kings and heroes.

"This play speaks to today's audience, and to today's women," Bertrand says. "It's uncomfortable, but it's right. She's looked down on, she's a witch, she's different in so many ways. It's scary.

"I think that it's also a class and gender thing, looking down on someone because they're different. We see it every day.

"I really think that audiences will sympathize with her," she says. "They will be disappointed with what happens, and wish things could have been different. But it moves so fast — it's constant act and react. We see a Medea that only exists on this day, in extraordinary circumstances. When we first see her she's howling with grief, and by the end she's destroyed. It's all outside of the normal."

Caroline Watson-Felt takes on the title role. Medea's faithless husband Jason is played by Jay Connolly, and her Nurse by Kris Burke. Rob Cope plays Kreon, and Nick Osborne plays Aegeus. Donovan leads the chorus.

Salem Theatre Company's "Medea" runs through March 26 in the company's new home at 35 Congress St., Salem, in the Shetland Park complex. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 26.

Preview nights are March 10 and March 11.

Opening night, March 12, will feature a champagne toast and cash bar. Tickets for opening night cost \$20.

The student performance will be Friday, March 18; student tickets cost \$10. There will be a pre-show conversation, "A Director's Perspective of Medea," with STC Medea Director Catherine Bertrand and SSU "Medea" Director, Professor David Allen George.

LGBT night will be Thursday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$10-\$25 online and \$10-\$30 at the door. For tickets: salemtheatre.com. Parking will be available.

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