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Synetic Theater to be First American Theatre Company to Perform in the Republic of Georgia

Arlington, VA – On October 26, 2012, Synetic Theater's staff and company will depart on an international tour with two award-winning productions: *King Lear* and *Host and Guest*. Synetic has been invited by the Rustaveli Theatre in Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia to perform these two productions from November 3 to 10, 2012. Synetic Theater will be the first American theatre company to perform in the Republic of Georgia.

This exciting opportunity is a step further in developing Synetic Theater's touring activities. Synetic last toured in 2011, when it brought the award-winning production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to Williams College '62 Center for Theater and Dance in Massachusetts. Prior to that Synetic has toured in New York City, at Franklin and Marshall College (Lancaster, PA) and Philadelphia.

"I am excited to come back to Georgia, my birth country, after 20 years in absence," says Synetic Theater's Artistic Director Paata Tsikurishvili. "We are proud to be the first American theatre company to tour in Georgia and showcase American artists."

The tour has been generously supported by the Department of State, the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, and the Trust for Mutual Understanding.

About Synetic Theater

Founded in 2001 by the husband and wife team of Paata and Irina Tsikurishvili, Synetic Theater is DC's Premier Physical Theater, whose mission is **to be the premier American physical theater**, fusing dynamic art forms—such as text, drama, movement, acrobatics, dance, and music, by producing world-class physical theater for all ages, educating the next generation of artists and physical theater professionals, and promoting this distinct form of theater nationally and internationally through community outreach and touring programs. Synetic's unique performance style is simultaneously avant-garde and accessible, with a broad appeal to a wide, culturally diverse, and cross-generational audience.

About Rustaveli Theatre

Rustaveli State Theatre in Tbilisi, Georgia is the national dramatic theatre and the largest theatre in The Republic of Georgia. The theatre is currently home to three stages including the main stage (about 800 seats), which will host Synetic performances. Robert Sturua, a famous Georgian theatre director, who gained international acclaim for his original interpretation of the works of Brecht, Shakespeare, Chekhov was based at the Rustaveli Theatre for over 20 years.

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