

NSD pays tribute to Vijay Tendulkar in theatre festival

Paying tribute to noted playwright, late Vijay Tendulkar, and staging some of their most loved productions, the National School of Drama's (NSD) ongoing repertory summer festival is a treat for theatre aficionados in the city.

"Our summer theatre festival is an annual affair in which we stage some of our best productions, on popular public demand. This year we are dedicating the festival to noted playwright, late Vijay Tendulkar," said an official of NSD.

The festival that started May 27 will conclude June 23.

"Some of the plays which will be staged are Prasanna's Acharya 'Tartuffe', Nadira Babbar's '1857: Ek Safarnama' and M.K. Raina's 'Banhatt ki Atmakatha'," the official added.

'Kafka', 'Ram Nam Satya Hai' and 'Uttarramcharitamanas' are some of the other plays which will be staged.

Saving the best for the last, Tendulkar's 'Ghasiram Kotwal' will be staged on the last four days of the festival, with two shows each day.

"'Ghasiram Kotwal' is such a play that no matter when or where it is staged, it's bound to draw a huge audience. People simply can't get over it and there are many who have watched the play many times over.

"Since this time this festival is a dedication to Tendulkar, we hope that the play will draw an even bigger crowd," the official added.

Directed by Rajinder Nath, 'Ghasiram Kotwal' is acclaimed internationally for its innovative content and presentation. It had raised a lot of controversy over the depiction of the historical character, Nana Phadnavis, a revered statesman during the Peshwa rule in Maharashtra.

A Manipuri version of the same play directed by Kshetri Jugindro was staged in NSD's Bharat Rang Mahotsav early this year.

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