

PROMETHEUS BOUND

NEXT YEAR AT THE GETTY VILLA

THE PERSIANS

By Aeschylus

Directed by Anne Bogart
Performed by SITI Company

Opening September 3, 2014

The earliest surviving Greek tragedy, *The Persians*, produced in 472 B.C., is also the only surviving tragedy about a historical (rather than mythological) event. Aeschylus won first prize bringing to life the Persians' defeat by the Greeks in 480 B.C. in the naval battle at Salamis. While glorifying the Athenians, Aeschylus also humanizes a powerful enemy with whom conflict was still ongoing when the play was performed. One of America's leading theater ensembles presents this emotional story of war, victory, and loss as experienced by Aeschylus's imagined Persian court.

