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## ARTS EVENTS

### Spring, fall romance ends in Greek tragedy

OGDEN — Can an older woman find lasting love with a younger man?

Not if they are characters in a Greek tragedy. "Medea," the 431 B.C. drama by Euripides, opens Tuesday at Weber State University.

Medea was married to a much younger Jason (as in Jason and the Argonauts). The two met when she betrayed her family and country to help Jason in his quest for the Golden Fleece.

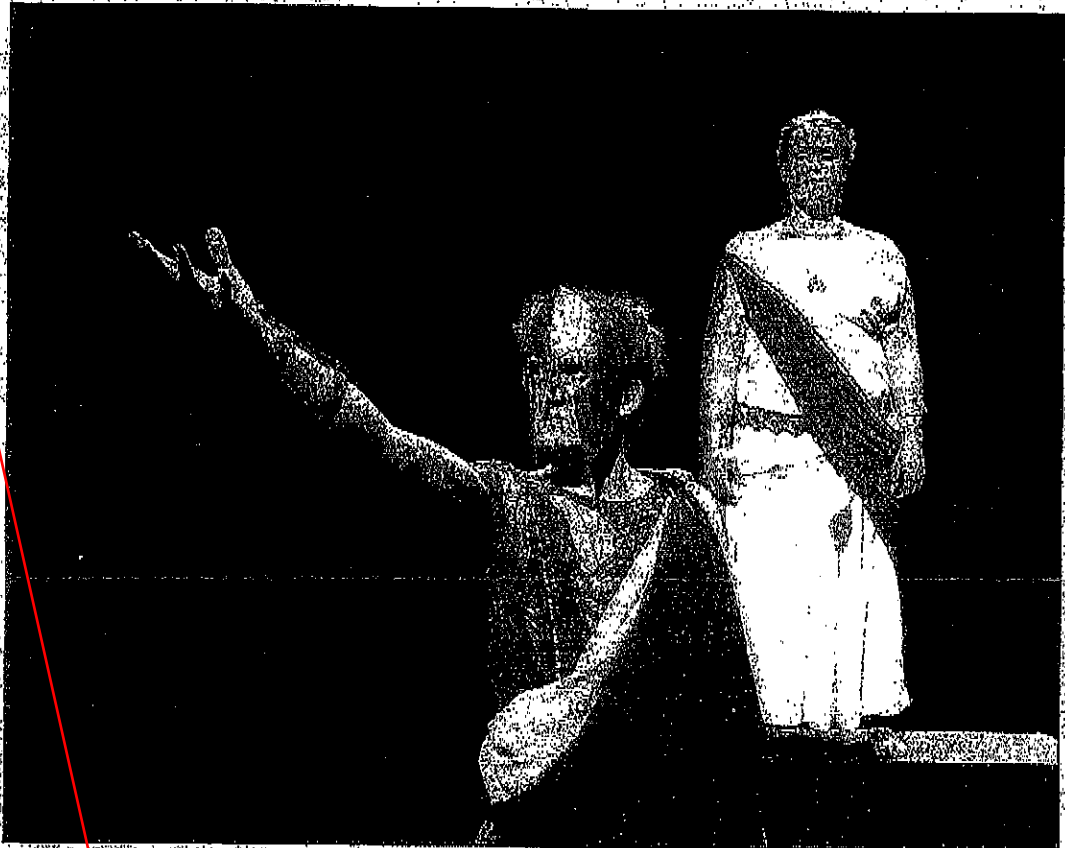
Ten years and two children later, a younger princess catches the eye of socially ambitious Jason, and he exiles his wife and kids to Corinth. That's where the play begins.

"Medea is both heroic and deadly, sympathetic and appalling," student director Ibsen Santos said in a statement. "Medea argues for the sake of family and the home. Jason argues for the sake of power and money. Like heroes in Homer, she acts in the name of her honor. She plans the worst revenge."

It's revenge that also crushes Medea, making her a flawed, tragic heroine.

"The actors will be fully or partially masked, just like in ancient Greek performances," Santos said. "They will wear costumes that represent the style and the time period of the play. The set will have a more contemporary feel."

The play runs at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through March 31 in the Ecoles Theater at the Browning Center, 3450 University Circle, Ogden. Tickets are \$150, available by calling (800) WSU-TTKS.



CLIFF WALLGREN

Tyler Baker and Tara Furo in Weber State University's production of Euripides' "Medea." The Greek tragedy runs Tuesday through March 31 in the Ecoles Theater at the Browning Center.

Wonder where Ibsen Santos, the student director, got the idea that Medea was 10 years older than Jason...