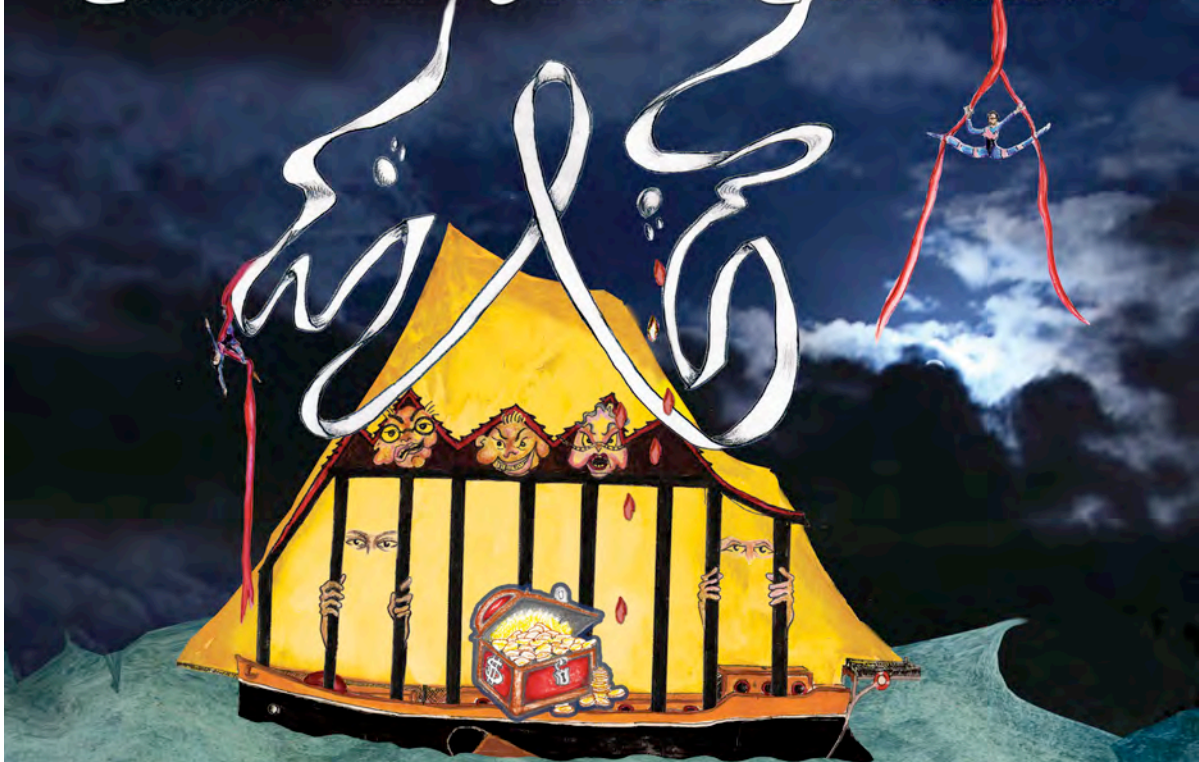


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# CARAVAN STAGE COMPANY



**HACKED: THE TREASURE OF THE EMPIRE !**

AN OPERATIC SPECTACLE VOYAGING INTO THE LAST GOLD RUSH

**June 17 & 18, 2014  
09:00 PM – Cove Dock  
METRO PARK, JAX, FL**

PERFORMED ON THE DECKS & RIGGING OF A TALL SHIP [WWW.CARAVANSTAGE.ORG](http://WWW.CARAVANSTAGE.ORG)



*“The Caravan Stage Company is a demonstration of real experimental theater that combines music, storytelling, drama, street art, acrobatics. The Caravan sailing ship becomes a floating theater that leaves the audience stunned and amazed by telling the story of pirates and their triumph in the virtual sea.”*

June 6, 2014

After 8 years of touring the rivers and seas of Europe, the **Caravan Stage Company**, with the Tall Ship, **Amara Zee**, is back in America. BBC Chartering, an International shipping company sponsored the return transportation of the 30-meter ship from Italy.

The *Amara Zee*, the custom-built theater ship, was originally built in Canada. Before heading overseas, the company toured and performed in cities and towns throughout the Atlantic seaboard, Great Lakes, and Gulf of Mexico...as well as small villages and communities that are not even on the official maps!

The Caravan directors, Paul Kirby and Adriana Kelder are excited to be back. The Caravan is a non-for-profit professional company that has performs original contemporary spectacles on their theater ship while the audience sits on the shore.

Artistic Director, Paul Kirby says: "The Caravan European Odyssey has been thrilling and exhilarating adventure but we are delighted to be back in North America."

After spending the winter in Lafitte, Louisiana, the company traveled along the southern ICW, through the Gulf of Mexico, to bring the *Amara Zee* to Jacksonville, FL. The cast, coming from all around the world, joined the sailing crew at the end of April. Since then, a team of 38 people: performers, set builders, mask makers, fabricators, costumers, riggers, sound and light engineers, organizers, led by Paul Kirby and Adriana Kelder, are busy at the Metropolitan Park and at *JaxHax Makerspace* creating the new show.

**'HACKED: The Treasure of the Empire!'** is a tale of pirate activists who, through virtual and creative manipulation, battle the corrupting icons of our past and present world. The story will be told through song, aerial acrobatics, video and large puppet heads perched up high in the rigging of the 100 ft ship.

**Hacked** features the entire pallet of Caravan theatrical treats such as passionate characters, poetic lyrics, exotic and melodic music, multiple video screens with a global array of imagery and visual trickery, unique aerial acrobatics, surreal lighting and sound, and large puppets that spies, swags, savages, swears, swoons and sings.

This summer, the Caravan Stage Company will be touring the eastern coast of the US from Jacksonville FL up to Canada. Many stops along the way, including Portsmouth VA, Bivalve NJ, Yonkers NY; in Canada: Brockville ON, Kingston ON, Cornwall ON & Sainte Anne de Bellevue (Montreal); back down the Hudson River to Burlington VT, Hudson NY, Kingston NY. The tour will end in New-York City at the end of September.

**On June 17 & 18, the cast and crew of the Amara Zee proudly invites the Jacksonville community at the premiere of the Show 2014.**

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**FREE – BRING A CHAIR**  
**\* Donations appreciated \***

Show is suitable 12 years old and older  
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