

On Stage:
**Leading players the highlight of OSP's 'Julius
Caesar'**

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After spending countless hours listening to Brian Lane Green belt and croon in the vocal contortions of Huck Finn on the much-worn Original Cast Recording of "Big River," it was nice to hear his less contorted speaking voice. Green guest starred as Marc Antony in the recent Stage Center Presents production of "Julius Caesar."

It was nice to hear him, but more important, see this primarily musical theater professional / soap opera actor in action. Snooty thespians who turn their noses up at musical theater performers or even soap stars should take a lesson from Green. Every move he made as Antony was motivated and believable. His swagger seemed authentic. His strut filled the stage. His eulogy for Caesar was both heart-felt when it should be and deceptively manipulative in exactly the right places. What Green lacked in baritone boom he more than made up for in tenor bravado. Bravo to him, and to Oklahoma Shakespeare in the Park for seeking out this talented actor to grace our local stage...

"Julius Caesar" was not an impressive production overall. But the leading players were strong and the guest star worth the price of admission.