



# The Bacchae

Written by Euripides

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# About Euripides

- Born in 484 in Salamis or Phlya
- Mother: Cleito ; Father: Mnesarchus
- His birth was anecdotally related to have been on the day of Battle of Salamis
- Competes in dramatic festival in 455 BC, which he won his first victory in 441BC
- Have a wife, Melito, and three sons, which one became a poet
- Died in Macedonia, 407/406BC at the court of King Archelaus

# About The Bacchae

- Written in 404 BC
- He wrote the play in Macedonia
- The play was familiar by all and was written about by Aeschylus as well
- The play pointed out the inadequacy of the Greek Gods and religions, based on myths
- The play is distinctive for the fact that the chorus is integrated into the plot, and the God is not a distant presence, but is a character in the play
- The play was not ever performed during Euripides lifetime
- Won first prize at the annual contest where it was performed

# Plot

- Question on whether Dionysus is a God or not
- Pentheus sends people to destroy Tiresias
- Soldiers bring Dionysus in chains to Pentheus
- Pentheus questions Dionysus on how he escaped
- Pentheus is killed and the messenger describes how it was done





Idea

The search for wisdom and  
the “folly of man.”

# Visual Metaphor

What is wisdom?



Statue: The Thinker Artist: Auguste Rodin Date: 1902



# Mood and Atmosphere

- The mood of the story is that the characters are searching for something constantly.
- The atmosphere of the play will be very mystified in that the characters have a story to tell and they know there are answers out there and they can be found out within

# Painting



**Painter** Attributed to Douris  
**Date** ca 480 B.C.  
**Period** Early Classical



# Directorial Concept

The concept needs to be simplicity focusing on the main idea of man searching for wisdom. The search ends in ones demise and becomes man's failure.











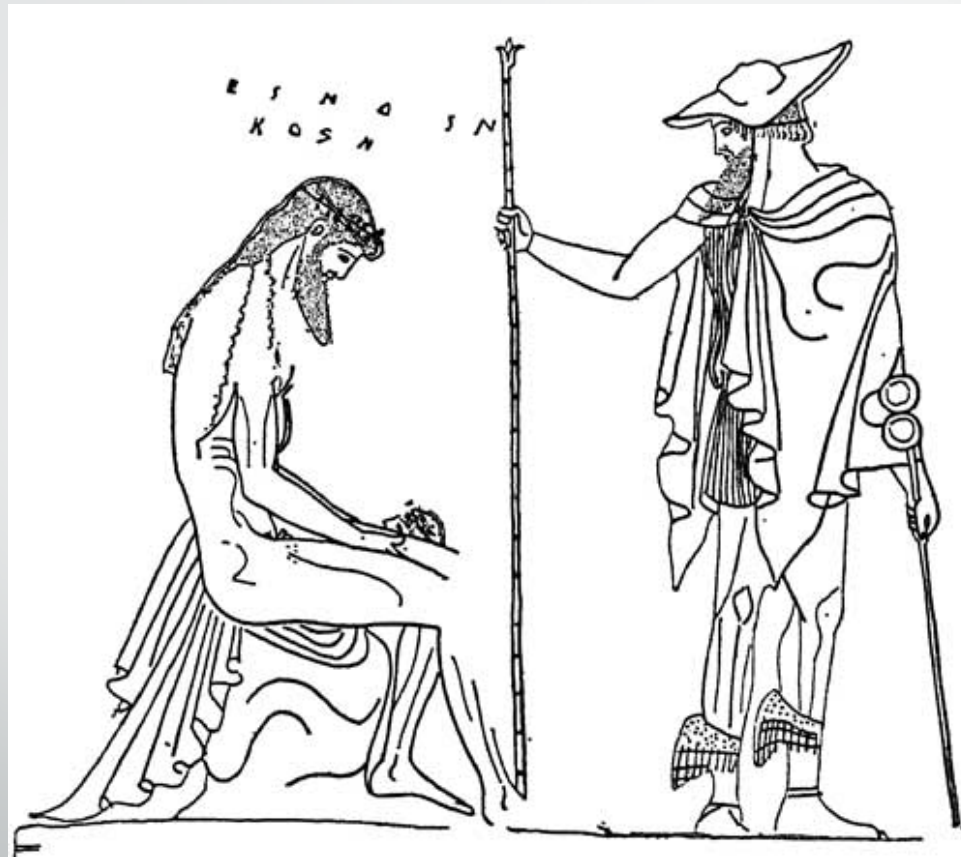
*S12.1 Dionysos*















# 3D Collage



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