



SHAKESPEARE IN THE GARDEN

IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS 2018 PRODUCTION OF

A Midsummer Night's Dream

TO BE PRESENTED BY SHAKESPEARE IN SANTA FE
AND THE SHAKESPEARE GUILD IN ASSOCIATION
WITH THE SANTA FE BOTANICAL GARDEN

August 17– September 2

Overview

Building on the success of last year's enthusiastically-received production of *The Tempest*, Clayton Bass of THE SANTA FE BOTANICAL GARDEN, Rachel Kelly of SHAKESPEARE IN SANTA FE, and John Andrews of the SHAKESPEARE GUILD are pleased to announce that **Season Two** will feature a presentation of what is widely regarded as the most inspired, poetic, and magical of the playwright's festive comedies.

Once again we'll be performing in the foothills of the picturesque Sangre de Cristo Mountains. And we'll be charming audiences with a stellar cast that will be supported by an impressive array of musicians, designers, and stage technicians. Our director, **Rachel Kelly**, will draw upon her extensive experience as a producer and performer with the company that enchanted theatergoers for more than a decade at **ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE**. Her efforts will be augmented by consulting director **Nagle Jackson**, a renowned dramatic artist whose plays have moved attendees at the **KENNEDY CENTER** and other prestigious venues, who has presided over the **MILWAUKEE REPERTORY THEATRE** and Princeton's **MCCARTER THEATRE**, and who will be familiar to those who enjoyed the inaugural season of **SHAKESPEARE IN THE GARDEN** last summer.

If you had the pleasure of joining us for one of last year's evenings on Museum Hill, you'll recall that many of those who arrived early brought **picnics** and were entertained by an ensemble of **singers and dancers** who performed Elizabethan ballads, among them pieces that Shakespeare incorporated into his plays. You'll remember, too, that a number of **patrons and corporate sponsors** enjoyed catered pre-show drinks and delicacies in what were whimsically described as "royal boxes" with panoramic views of the amphitheater. As they did so, they relished a chance to eavesdrop on the actors' warm-up exercises.

Many of our constituents opted to attend a special **Opening Night Reception**. Others booked for **Unwind with the Cast** gatherings that followed weekend presentations. Some took advantage of the opportunity to provide **housing** or arrange other forms of **hospitality** that made our performers feel welcome and introduced them to the many pleasures of a midsummer sojourn in our richly cultivated community.

Looking Ahead

In the weeks to come, we'll be extending invitations to a number of **special gatherings** that will lay the foundation for another memorable season. Among other things, you and your friends will learn about our august society of **Bardtenders**, supporters who participate in various types of helpful roles. You'll be encouraged to think of ways in which your own expertise, or that of others in your circle, can be put to productive use. You'll be asked to ponder ways to help with the fundraising that will be essential to making this year's *Dream* an artistic success and ensuring that we proceed to even more ambitious cultural and educational programming in the future. Meanwhile we hope you'll take a few minutes to visit www.shakesguild.org and click on the blue links that provide details about the 2017 edition of **SHAKESPEARE IN THE GARDEN**. For additional information, including contact details for key leaders at the **GARDEN** and at **SHAKESPEARE IN SANTA FE**, simply email shakesguild@msn.com or call **(505) 988-9560**.