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Beauty of Shakespeare

With family and friends, I attended the next-to-last performance of "Shakespeare in the Garden" on Aug. 30. It was a wonderful evening. As a regular attendee, employee and volunteer of Santa Fe performances (opera, concerts, theater), I have to praise the performance, staff and volunteers. One of our party uses a walker and oxygen. We were given reserved seats, and they had even arranged a hook-up for her oxygen. Special thanks go to house manager Cinema Jones, who provided us good cheer and blankets against the cold.

It was a beautiful setting and a good performance. *The Tempest* was a perfect show for this setting. Thanks to the Shakespeare Guild and Shakespeare in Santa Fe, and the Santa Fe Botanical Gardens. I hope you will all do this again next summer. How about *A Midsummer Night's Dream*?

Susan Dilts
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Poetic coupling

Rachel Kelly of Shakespeare in Santa Fe and John Andrews of the Shakespeare Guild produced an exquisite "Shakespeare in the Garden" production of *The Tempest*, with the aid of Nagle Jackson's direction of a splendid ensemble cast of actors ("Listen up," *Pasatiempo*, Sept. 8).

It was an evening of mystical powers, romantic love, rollicking merrymaking, topped off with Ariel's band of playful, mischievous spirits. Walking through the lush gardens to the new amphitheater was the perfect beginning to a truly magical evening in Santa Fe. It looks to be the start of a long partnership.

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