

Beyond the Stage

Ryan Producing Artistic Director Jay Paul Skelton

An Eye for an Eye in Shakespeare's Time

The subject of revenge is addressed in both of Shakespeare's great plays presented by Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival this year. Ryan Producing Artistic Director Jay Paul Skelton explores the implications of vengeance from the tragic viewpoint of *Hamlet* and the comic stance in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.



Actors from our Young Company will share a sample of our summer productions with scenes from both shows as well as others from Shakespeare and his contemporaries.

Tickets are \$10.

**Saturday,
July 21, 3 pm
Acorn Theater***
Three Oaks, Mich.

**Tuesday,
July 31, 7 pm
New World Art***
Goshen, Ind.

**Tuesday,
August 7, 7 pm
Philbin Studio Theatre**
DeBartolo Performing
Arts Center
Notre Dame, Ind.

*For these two performances, purchase tickets at local theatre venues.

Opening Night Celebration

Come celebrate Shakespeare with us!

Raise a glass with friends and our 2012 artists as we toast our 13th festival season.

Thursday, August 16
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
University of Notre Dame

Champagne Reception – 6 pm

Hamlet – 7:30 pm

After Party – join the cast and crew of *Hamlet* for dessert and beverages following the performance

Tickets – \$75

Call 574.631.2800 to reserve your tickets before they sell out!



Get Your Tickets

Tickets go on sale July 5, 2012.

Online: shakespeare.nd.edu

By phone: 574.631.2800

In person: DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Ticket Office

Ticket office hours are 12-6 pm, Monday through Friday, as well as one hour prior to all weekend performances.

The ticket office is located in the main lobby of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on the University of Notre Dame campus.



Get Special Discounts

Saturday, August 18, 2 pm

Enjoy a special "family performance" of *Hamlet* by purchasing a four-pack of tickets for only \$32!

Special discounts are also available at every performance throughout the summer for groups of 10 or more. Call the ticket office at 574.631.2800 for details.

Get Connected

Get the latest performance updates, ticket offers, and exclusive backstage information when you join our email list. Visit shakespeare.nd.edu and click on the "connect" link so we can keep you in the know.



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NOTRE DAME SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

2012 SEASON

Hamlet | A Midsummer Night's Dream | ShakeScenes



Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival is the professional theatre in residence at the University of Notre Dame. Visit shakespeare.nd.edu to learn more.

July 14 – August 26, 2012 | shakespeare.nd.edu

World-class theatre. Right next door.



Welcome to the 13th season of the Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival.

We're gathering top professionals from around the world, talented students from universities across the nation, and members of our own community to offer you some of the best entertainment in the area.

As we were planning the season, I realized that we had yet to tackle Shakespeare's (let alone the world's) most famous play, *Hamlet*. What were we waiting for? We finally have all the right resources in place to properly approach this monumental work: terrific director, stunning cast, supremely talented design and technical teams, and the accumulated experience of the past 12 seasons. The time has come, and we're ready to proudly share it with you.

The best counterpart to the world's greatest tragedy is one the funniest shows you'll ever see and one written by the same playwright: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. I couldn't think of a better way for you to experience the breadth and depth of this amazing writer than inviting you to enjoy these two very different plays at the same time.

We offer ShakeScenes to amaze you with the vast reach of this writer's imagination. We also bring you our Beyond the Stage lecture series so that I have the opportunity to share with you in an entertaining format the big ideas—like love, hate, and revenge—that Shakespeare explores through his plays.

We look forward to seeing you!

Jay Paul Skelton

Ryan Producing Artistic Director

PROFESSIONAL COMPANY

HAMLET

By William Shakespeare
Directed by David H. Bell

The world's greatest tragedy

Upon learning of the death of his father the king, Hamlet returns home to find his uncle has married his mother and taken the Danish throne. Haunted by his murdered father's cry for revenge, Hamlet learns that certainty and a clear course of action are hard to come by when spies and schemers surround him.

Winner of the Jeff Award and nominated for the Laurence Olivier Award, director David H. Bell returns to direct this brilliant interpretation of Shakespeare's most famous tragedy.

**Decio Mainstage Theatre, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
University of Notre Dame**

Tickets \$12-\$75

Tuesday, August 14
7:30 pm

Wednesday, August 15
7:30 pm

Thursday, August 16
7:30 pm

Friday, August 17
8 pm

Saturday, August 18
2 pm and 8 pm

Sunday, August 19
2 pm

Tuesday, August 21
7:30 pm

Wednesday, August 22
7:30 pm

Thursday, August 23
7:30 pm

Friday, August 24
8 pm

Saturday, August 25
2 pm and 8 pm

Sunday, August 26
2 pm

YOUNG COMPANY

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

By William Shakespeare
Directed by Kevin Asselin

The world's most popular comedy

Magic and laughter are on the loose in the woods outside of Athens in Shakespeare's side-splitting comedy. Puck leads two pairs of young lovers on a wild and merry chase in search of true romance.

A Midsummer Night's Dream is presented outdoors by a company of actors drawn from the University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College, and universities from across the nation. These open-air performances are free of charge and make for a dreamy midsummer's night.

All performances are at 7 pm local time unless otherwise noted

Sunday, July 15
Lincoln Township
Public Library
Stevensville, Mich.

Saturday, July 21
6:30 pm
Dewey Cannon Park
Three Oaks, Mich.

Sunday, July 22
Battell Park
Mishawaka, Ind.

Friday, July 27
Centennial Park
Plymouth, Ind.

Saturday, July 28
6:30 pm (Central Time Zone)
Centennial Park
Munster, Ind.

Saturday, August 4
Potawatomi Park Pavilion
South Bend, Ind.

Sunday, August 5
Wellfield Botanic Gardens
Elkhart, Ind.

Monday, August 20
ND Main Building Quad
(in front of the Golden Dome)
Notre Dame, Ind.

SHAKESCENES

COLLECTED SCENES

By William Shakespeare
Coordinated by Christy Burgess

"All the world's a stage!"

Have you ever imagined a cooking show starring Titus Andronicus? Or that the two gentlemen of Verona are two-stepping line dancers? Or that Cleopatra has some mad video game skills?

If you thought you knew Shakespeare, think again!

Over the course of one magical weekend, dozens of actors from throughout the community—neighbors and friends, young and old alike—take to the stage with their own unique spin on some of Shakespeare's most beloved works. Two different performances, each offering a series of 10-minute scenes, are sure to inspire and delight the entire family.

Join us, and you'll discover why ShakeScenes continues to be one of our most popular events!

**All performances are free of charge and start at 2 pm
Washington Hall, University of Notre Dame**

Saturday, July 14
at 2 pm

Sunday, July 15
at 2 pm