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NASHVILLE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2009 SEASON

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Nov. 5, 2008 – The [Nashville Shakespeare Festival](#) is expanding its season offerings in 2009, with three shows and an opportunity to read all of Shakespeare’s works aloud.

“We are excited to bring Shakespearean experiences to the people of Middle Tennessee through our productions and workshops in 2009,” said Nancy VanReece, executive director of the Nashville Shakespeare Festival. “Our three productions, combined with our corporate workshops, school workshops and [Shakespeare Allowed!](#) program, will allow everyone to experience the bard in a unique way.”

The 2009 offerings are:

Richard the Third – Jan. 15 – Feb. 1, 2009 – [Belmont University Troutt Theater](#)

Shakespeare’s story of a cruel yet charismatic villain is brought to life with a vaudeville twist. Starring Navada Shane Morgan as Richard III.

Shakespeare’s Case – May 29-30, 2009 – Belmont University Troutt Theater

This world premiere of the Nashville Shakespeare Festival’s original work features Brian Russell as William Shakespeare, defending his relevance in a court of law. Denice Hicks, Claire Syler and Nan Gurley also star as the judge, the witness and the prosecuting attorney. The audience is the jury who must decide Shakespeare's fate!

The Tempest – August 13 – September 7, 2009 – Centennial Park Bandshell

The 22nd year of Shakespeare in the Park brings Shakespeare's magical tale of revenge and forgiveness to Centennial Park.

Shakespeare Allowed! – January 3, 2009 – November, 2011 – Locations TBA

In this new program, all lovers of Shakespeare are invited to come participate in community readings of his works. This initiative began in October, 2008, with Shakespeare's first play, and will continue in order until each work has been read aloud. For a full schedule of readings, visit www.nashvilleshakes.org/shakespeareallowed.htm.

The Nashville Shakespeare Festival will also continue to produce educational workshops for schools and businesses.

For more information about the Nashville Shakespeare Festival's 2009 season, please visit www.nashvilleshakes.org.

About Nashville Shakespeare Festival

The mission of the Nashville Shakespeare Festival is to educate and entertain the Mid-South community through professional Shakespearean experiences. The Festival accomplishes this primarily through its public productions of Shakespeare in the Park in the summer and Winter Shakespeare at The Truitt Theater and its educational workshops for young people and businesses.

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