



Nashville Public Television

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## **NPT Welcomes Nashville Shakespeare Festival to Its Creative Campus**

### **New Tenant Makes for Five Arts Organizations Under One Roof**

NASHVILLE, TN – October 30, 2007 – **Nashville Public Television** recently welcomed the **Nashville Shakespeare Festival** to its “creative campus” with a morning reception at the station’s offices at 161 Rains Ave. in Nashville. The addition of the Shakespeare Festival as a tenant places five different arts organizations under one roof: Nashville Public Television, Tennessee Repertory Theatre, Nashville Film Festival, Nashville Shakespeare Festival and the Mid-South Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Nashville Shakespeare Festival’s staff includes Executive Director **Nancy VanReece**, Artistic Director **Denice Hicks**, Operations Manager **Robert Marigza** and Education Director **Claire Syler**.

“We’re honored that Beth (Curley) invited us to be here,” says VanReece, who is also on the Board of Directors for Nashville Film Festival. “There are so many benefits to being in this location. There’s a creative energy here. With access to Studio A, we now have the ability to hold workshops and rehearsals in the same building as our offices. We are close to the Rep’s costume stock and props, which we often share. Plus, we’re a lot easier for people to find.”

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**NASHVILLE PUBLIC TELEVISION** is available free and over the air to nearly 2.2 million people throughout the Middle Tennessee and southern Kentucky viewing area, and is watched by more than 600,000 households every week. The mission of NPT is to provide, through the power of traditional television and interactive telecommunications, high quality educational, cultural and civic experiences that address issues and concerns of the people of the Nashville region, and which thereby help improve the lives of those we serve.

**THE NASHVILLE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL** is a non-profit theatre company whose mission is to educate and entertain the Mid-South community through professional Shakespearean experiences. Since its inception in 1988, the Nashville Shakespeare Festival has become one of Nashville’s best-loved traditions, having entertained more than 150,000 people with its annual **Shakespeare in the Park** productions. In addition, the company brings its energetic performances and interactive workshops to schools throughout Nashville and Middle Tennessee as well as communities across the state. This year, NSF hosted the Shakespeare Theater Association of America’s annual conference in Nashville.



(left to right) Sallie Mayne, Nashville Film Festival Executive Director; Beth Curley, NPT president and CEO; Nancy Van Reece, Nashville Shakespeare Festival executive director; and René Copeland, Tennessee Repertory Theatre executive director.