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# SAN FRANCISCO SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES CAST AND CREATIVE TEAM FOR FREE SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK'S CYMBELINE

### 41st Season presents Shakespeare's epic romantic adventure!

San Francisco Shakespeare Festival is pleased to announce that its 41st season of Free Shakespeare in the Park will present *Cymbeline*. Believed to be one of his final plays, *Cymbeline* is widely considered one of his greatest achievements, depicting powerful emotions in a fairy tale setting that concludes with inventive scenes of revelation and joyful reconciliation.

As <u>previously announced</u>, Maryssa Wanlass will direct this epic tale. They are a long-time resident artist of the festival, and have appeared on the SF Shakes' stage in roles such as Hermione in *The Winter's Tale*, Jaques in *As You Like It*, and Dionyza in our episodic *Pericles*.

Nathaniel Andalis\* (Iachimo, Cloten), Ron Chapman\* (Cymbeline), Shakoria Davis (Imogen), Brian Herndon\* (Musician 1), William Rogue (Belarius, Jove), and Ben Chau-Chiu (Understudy for Musician 1, Iachimo, and Belarius) return to the Free Shakes stage for this production. Making their Free Shakespeare in the Park debut are Deanalís Arocho Resto\* (Posthumus), Catherine Luedtke\* (Queen), Elizabeth Jones (Pisanio), Misa Malone (Musician 2), Mayou Roffé (Caius Lucius), and Julien Gussman (Understudy for Musician 2, Posthumus, Caius Lucius).

The creative team includes Vanessa Dalpiaz, Assistant Director; Min Kahng, Music Composer; Murph Elyria, Sound Designer and Technician; Neal Ormond, Technical Director, Graphic Designer, Web, and Scenic Designer; and Sydney Schwindt, Fight Choreographer; (props and costume designers TBD.) The production team includes Pratiksha Shah, Production Manager; Lee Garber-Patel, Wardrobe Supervisor; Fran Astorga, Master Carpenter; Gabriella Howell, Deck Manager; Rachel Katin, Lead Sound Technician; and Rachel Bratt, Hospitality Manager.

As always, **no tickets or reservations are needed** to attend the shows. All are invited to bring family and friends to enjoy professional theater in a beautiful park environment. The show is suitable for all ages and runs 90 minutes without an intermission.

Cymbeline tells the story of an ancient British king (Cymbeline) who is married to a wicked queen. The king's daughter, Imogen, has outraged her father by secretly marrying Posthumus who is subsequently banished. Posthumus makes a foolish wager about Imogen's faithfulness and is duped, resulting in misguided slander and jealousy. After a series of unimaginable misadventures, an inventive finale of revelation and reconciliation closes the play.

\*denotes member of Actors' Equity Association

## 41st annual production of Free Shakespeare in the Park: Cymbeline

### Cupertino: Memorial Park Amphitheater, Stevens Creek Blvd and Mary Ave

- Saturday, July 22 at 6:00 pm (Preview)
- Sunday, July 23 at 6:00 pm (Preview)
- Friday, July 28 at 6:00 pm (Preview)
- Saturday, July 29 at 6:00 pm (Opening)
- Sunday, July 30 at 6:00 pm
- Friday, August 4 at 6:00 pm
- Saturday, August 5 at 6:00 pm
- Sunday, August 6 at 6:00 pm

#### Redwood City: Red Morton Community Park, 1455 Madison Ave

- Saturday, August 12 at 6:00 pm (Preview)
- Sunday, August 13 at 6:00 pm (Opening)
- Saturday, August 19 at 6:00 pm
- Sunday, August 20 at 6:00 pm
- Saturday, August 26 at 6:00 pm
- Sunday, August 27 at 6:00 pm

## San Francisco: McLaren Park, Jerry Garcia Amphitheater

- Saturday, September 2 at 2:00 pm (Preview)
- Sunday, September 3 at 2:00 pm (Preview)
- Monday (Labor Day), September 4 at 2:00 pm (Opening)
- Saturday, September 9 at 2:00 pm
- Sunday, September 10 at 2:00 pm

A close-captioned recording of the performance will be made available via the <u>Festival's Youtube Channel</u>, date TBA

Admission is free. For more information call the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival at 415-558-0888 or visit <a href="https://www.sfshakes.org">www.sfshakes.org</a>



**Download headshot of Director Maryssa Wanlass** 



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