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# Free Shakespeare in the Park's Cymbeline to Perform at the Bruns Memorial Amphitheater this September

Cal Shakes & SFShakes jointly announce that the Bruns Memorial Amphitheater will host Free Shakespeare in the Park this summer, with free performances of Shakespeare's *Cymbeline* the weekend of September 16, 17, 23 & 24 at 4 pm.

"Free Shakespeare in the Park will be a wonderful addition to our, "At The Bruns" arts series this summer," says Cal Shakes Executive Director Clive Worsley. "This is a great opportunity for audiences to continue to enjoy Shakespeare onstage at the Bruns, in anticipation of our own Shakespeare production in 2024 for our 50th Anniversary. We are deeply appreciative of the several donors who have chosen to support this collaboration." "I'm delighted that our two companies could partner to bring Free Shakespeare in the Park to the Bruns this summer, says SF Shakes Executive Director Toby Leavitt. "We want to make this a win-win-win, certainly for both our organizations, and especially for audiences."

*Cymbeline*, Shakespeare's epic romantic adventure, features a dazzling mix of comedy, tragedy, and fairy tale that concludes with inventive scenes of revelation and joyous reconciliation. The play will be directed by Festival Resident Artist Maryssa Wanlass. *Cymbeline* will be presented free of charge. It will run 90 minutes long, without intermission. Preshow grove talks, including with Cal Shakes Resident Dramaturg Philippa Kelly, and a possible student matinee for Friday, Sept 22 are being explored.

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#### Free Shakespeare in the Park's Cymbeline in Orinda, Bruns Amphitheater

- Saturday, September 16 at 4:00 pm (Preview)
- Sunday, September 17 at 4:00 pm (Opening)
- Saturday, September 23 at 4:00 pm
- Sunday, September 24 at 4:00 pm

<u>Click here</u> for a full listing of where Free Shakespeare in the Park will perform this summer, including Cupertino's Memorial Park, Redwood City's Red Morton Park, San Francisco's McLaren Park, and at the Bruns in Orinda.





<u>Click here</u> for a full listing of what's playing at the Bruns this summer, including Young People's Symphony Orchestra, PapaPalooza, Good Medicine, Paper Moon Presents, Mosaic of Music, and The Keeper.



(L to R) Pratiksha Shah, SF Shakes Production Manager; Cheryle Honerlah, Cal Shakes Production & Rentals Manager; Neal Ormond, SF Shakes Technical Director; and John Olchak, Cal Shakes Director of Marketing and Communications get acquainted at the Bruns.

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# About California Shakespeare Theater

Under the leadership of Executive Director Clive Worsley, California Shakespeare Theater (Cal Shakes) is now in its 49th season as a nationally recognized leader in drawing on the power of authentic, inclusive storytelling to create more vibrant communities. Serving more than 43,000 people annually, Cal Shakes invites people from all walks of life to make deeply felt connections with our shared humanity through its work onstage, in schools, and with people in non-traditional settings throughout the Bay Area who have little or no access to theater. For more information, visit <u>calshakes.org</u>.

## About At the Bruns

At the Bruns is the multi-disciplinary performing arts summer series at the Bruns Memorial Amphitheater. This new showcase highlights a wide range of programming from partner community arts and culture organizations that align with Cal Shakes' values and support the Bay Area theater and performing arts ecosystem. The series highlights music, comedy, classical music and of course theater. Cal Shakes, as the resident theater of the Bruns, is proud to sponsor the theater offerings this summer.

## About San Francisco Shakespeare Festival

For more than 40 years, SF Shakes has been bringing the words and themes of William Shakespeare to audiences throughout the Bay Area and beyond, regardless of their age, ethnicity, financial status, or level of education. The San Francisco Shakespeare Festival believes that Shakespeare experienced in a communal setting -- whether outdoors, in a classroom, in a theater, or live online -- elates the soul, inspires the mind, and unifies those who sit beside each other