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NEWSLETTER OF THE TEXAS SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL GUILD

FALL 2022

Looking Back—Moving Forward

Reflecting on the 2022 Season; Welcoming the Road Show; Planning for Next Summer

From the Guild Company Events Committee

Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.

TSF Guild Lunch Bunch --here's to you. Here's to the heady aroma of the frost-kissed apples, the wild-as-the-wind smell of hickory nuts, and the nostalgic whiff of that first wood-smoke fire. After the long and hot summer, we're sure everyone is ready for some autumn-like weather.

Now that we are all somewhat settled back into life after the TSF Summer Season – we wanted to take another opportunity to recognize and thank all of you who so graciously participated in the Lunch Bunch Team that helped feed the entire company throughout the season. Each of you that provided food for the Wednesday / Friday / Sunday rotation – Thank you. Those of you who helped with donations to the Lunch Bunch and/or Changeover meals – Thank you. While each of you hopefully received a personal thank-you note, this is our way of shining the stage light just a little brighter in your direction!

As most of you know, we will not be continuing with the Lunch Bunch program in the coming year. This is not a negative thing – in fact, this is an opportunity for us to implement new and exciting ways to continue showing the TSF Company the love, comfort and hospitality that we are known for throughout the theatre world. We just hope you know that you are appreciated, and we and the TSF Company and Staff are grateful.

TSF Is Hitting the Road

The TSF Roadshow is back for the eighth season! This fall, the company will perform Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* directed by Matthew Simpson and *Macbeth* directed by Meaghan Simpson. TSF alums Travis Ascione, Laura Brennan, Sean Dale, Jo Garcia-Reger, Alex Gossard, and Nathan Noel will be in the company along with Taylor Farrell serving as the Tour Manager. Newcomer Deychen Volino-Gyetsa joins for her first season. The company will tour East Texas for three weeks followed by a week-long residency at the Globe of the Great Southwest in Odessa, Texas.

Roadshow Public Performance

Join us for TSF Roadshow performances of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Macbeth* on Saturday, October 29th at 2:00 p.m. in the Van Cliburn Auditorium. Each production is approximately 60 minutes, and there will be a short break between the two shows with a "talk-back" discussion to follow. Tickets are $15 and can be purchased online at www.texasshakespeare.tix.com

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The TSF Guild is now officially social—on two platforms. Follow the Guild on

Facebook: TexasShakesGuild
or on
Twitter: @TxShakesGuild

We'll be sharing news, photos, and interesting facts that inquiring Festival fans and Guild members might want to know. Follow your Guild today!

A WELCOME FOR THE ROADSHOW

May all who enter as guests leave as friends.

On a cool autumn evening on the first Monday in October, lots of clapping and joyous shouts of "welcome" were heard floating through the air at the Festival Center. The TSF Guild was greeting the arrival of the eight Roadshow Company members with balloons, signs, and a small gift for each—the now-traditional "parking lot welcome." Following the welcome and before they returned to rehearsal, they enjoyed a fall-themed meal prepared by Guild Company Events Committee members Claudia Morgan-Gray and Eileen Kosnik: homemade butternut squash soup, warm French bread, mixed green salad, and apple crisp. As a take-away snack, homemade sweet and savory popcorn was also in their "grab and go" basket.

Lunch will be provided by the Committee on two Mondays, October 10th and 17th.

Company members are in rehearsal for the first two weeks and then throughout the month will travel to East Texas schools. On October 29th, they will perform the two abbreviated Shakespearean plays for the general public. (See more info. on the previous page.) Concluding the Roadshow season will be performances on November 14-19 at the Globe Theatre in Odessa, Texas.

The Guild wishes the Roadshow Company a successful season. We hope to see you at the theater on October 29th.

Mirth & Merriment

"Frame your mind to MIRTH and MERRIMENT, which bars a thousand harms and lengthens life."

—William Shakespeare

Back for a second installment! Featuring readings from classic authors and poets, *Mirth & Merriment* is a nostalgic holiday treat starring TSF alums sharing Christmas tales, songs, and poems in an unforgettable and entertaining event fit for the entire family. Performances will take place in the Van Cliburn Auditorium December 9th-11th. To purchase tickets, visit www.texasshakespeare.tix.com

2023 IS CLOSE! HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR GUILD MEMBERSHIP??

from Linda Crabtree, President-Elect

What a wonderful season 2022 was! We enjoyed the largest, most diverse company ever, including a record number of local artists – and kids! Enthusiasm was high as we returned to a slightly more "normal" season, and the energy was obvious. That continues with the Road Show, currently in residence and working hard to bring Shakespeare to students and teachers in a fresh and appealing way.

For those of you who have already renewed your TSF Guild Membership for 2023, we thank you more than we can say! (A list of current 2023 members is included with this newsletter.) Your dues are the "fuel" that enables the Guild to do so much for the Festival and its Company. Your hospitality is well known and one of the first comments from company members is always "I love coming here! We feel so welcome!" Over the course of a season, they bring so much to us and to the community.

If you have not yet renewed for 2023, now is the time! Please help us by continuing to support the TSF Guild as we strive to support the Festival. A form to renew for 2023 is included, which you can print out and mail to us, or you can join online at TexasShakespeare.com.

Contact lcrabtree795@gmail.com or 903-918-1365 if you have questions.

TSF 2023 Season—Here's what we can look forward to next summer!

The Comedy of Errors

By William Shakespeare

And now let's go hand in hand, not one before another."
After being separated from their family in a tragic shipwreck, two twin brothers search for answers alongside their servants--who also happen to be twins. Mistaken identities abound as the sets of brothers go on a hilarious journey of love and friendship ending with the reuniting of all who were once lost. Featuring unforgettable characters, this comedy will have you laughing all the way home.

Pride & Prejudice

By Jane Austen: adapted by Melissa Leilani Larson

"Is not general incivility the very essence of love?"
Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* has remained one of the most popular novels in the English language since its publication in 1813. A Regency era comedy of manners, *Pride & Prejudice* follows the story of the five Bennet sisters and their journey toward love and security. When a mysterious rich bachelor moves next door, much excitement begins. Austen refers to the vivacious heroine, Elizabeth Bennet, "as delightful a creature as ever appeared in print." For the first time in TSF's history, we are thrilled to bring Jane Austen's work to our stage through one of literature's most sweeping and romantic love stories.

King Lear

By William Shakespeare

"How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child!"
Nearing retirement age, King Lear must divide his estate between his three daughters. After years of being flattered and lied to, he has misjudged who has good intentions at heart toward him. This fatal mistake sends him into the arms of those who seek to harm him and away from his youngest daughter, Cordelia, who truly cares for him. Only through trials and tribulations does Lear realize his wrong choice, after he has already been driven to madness. One of Shakespeare's most epic tragedies, this story will keep you glued to your seat with its soaring language, moving poetry, and iconic characters.

Something Rotten!

Book by Karey Kirkpatrick and John O'Farrell

Music and Lyrics by Karey Kirkpatrick and Wayne Kirkpatrick
Welcome to the Renaissance! Set in the 1590's, brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom are desperate to write a hit play but are stuck in the shadow of the Renaissance rockstar known as "The Bard." When a local soothsayer foretells that the future of theatre involves singing, dancing, and acting at the same time, Nick and Nigel set out to write the world's very first musical. But amidst the scandalous excitement of opening night, the Bottom Brothers realize that reaching the top means being true to thine own self…and all that jazz.

Todrick the Not-So-Terrible

By Grace Abele

Before his coronation, Todrick the Terrible (Tenth of his Name) must complete an evil quest: capture a lost maiden, tie her to a rock, and feed her to his pet dragon. The trouble is, Todrick isn't very terrible. In this anti-Arthurian legend, a young prince desperate to fulfill his evil purpose must seek out the Magical and Conveniently-Placed-Blade-of-Destiny in the Stone…or risk throwing off the delicate balance between the Kingdoms of Good and Evil.

Charlotte Collins

By Grace Abele

Following the events of *Pride and Prejudice*, supporting character Charlotte Collins (née Lucas) finds herself thrown into the unexpected role of romantic leading lady as she and her witless husband embark on an adventure to Scotland. Trapped in a narrative that's spinning out of her control, Charlotte discovers that being a romantic leading lady is much more trouble than it seems from the outside–especially with the eyes of an entire audience on her. Romance, lies, bagpipes, French spies, kilts, and prohibitively stringent manners abound in this Regency-era comedy that poses the question: what happens to the characters who don't end up with a Mr. Darcy?

Join the Green Group—for Three Reasons

If you have not yet joined the "Green Group" by signing up to receive *The Stratford Tribune* newsletter via email rather than through regular postal service, please consider doing it today for three reasons:

(1) it saves the Guild substantial cost in printing and postage;

(2) it allows you to receive a greatly enhanced version of the newsletter, including full-color pictures; and

(3) it includes you on the Festival's email list, which lets you receive more timely notifications of many TSF activities.

And there is a fourth reason, too: it saves trees!

• **Green Group** —You will receive the TSF newsletters via email and occasional correspondence about Festival activities. Examples of these might be information about the Lunch Bunch, TSF Foundation, raffles, and special TSF events. These emails might be informative or request help with events, etc. and will not be excessive. ***We do not share your email address with other entities.***

To join the Green Group, send an email to LEKnouse2020@outlook.com. Please be sure to include your name. Sometimes it is difficult to identify you by your email address.

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Roadshow Welcomed by TSF Guild

The TSF Guild Welcomes you! We are delighted to have your talent and energy back to enhance our community, and other luck parts of Texas!

Each Monday that you are in Kilgore a special lunch will be prepared for you to enjoy.

Today's meal:

Squash soup

Baguette

Mixed greens salad with pistachios

Apple Crisp

And when your energy needs a boost a special popcorn snack

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