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Carriage House Players Mark 30th Anniversary of Summer Shakespeare Festival at Vanderbilt Museum



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CENTERPORT, N.Y. (June 1, 2018) – The Carriage House Players are marking their 30th Anniversary of performing the popular Summer Shakespeare Festival at the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium this summer with *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* and *Hamlet*.

The festival starts on Friday, June 29th, at 8:00 p.m. at the Vanderbilt Museum, 180 Little Neck Road, Centerport, N.Y. Performances are given outdoors on the permanent stage in the Vanderbilt Mansion courtyard, where the Spanish-Mediterranean architecture offers a charming, timeless backdrop. Performances are given Wednesday and Friday at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 7:00 p.m. (No performances July 4 or 8.) [Tickets: \\$20 for adults, \\$15 seniors and children.](#) Tickets will be available soon on the Vanderbilt website: www.vanderbiltmuseum.org

“The Carriage House Players add a delightful dimension to the Vanderbilt Museum’s creative programming throughout the year,” said Lance Reinheimer, Director of the Vanderbilt Museum. “Every July and August, their annual Shakespeare productions are a very popular summer attraction – this is the 30th annual festival. Their shows, presented on our outdoor stage, are enhanced by the graceful backdrop of the Estate’s century-old Spanish-Revival architecture.”

A Midsummer Night's Dream will run June 29 through July 29, and *Hamlet* will be performed August 5 through September 2. *A Midsummer Nights Dream* will be directed by Christine Boehm, who previously graced the stage in *Romeo and Juliet* and directed productions of *The Woman in Black* and *Precious Little*. *Hamlet* will be directed by Jordan Hue, who directed *Macbeth* and *Much Ado About Nothing* for last year's Shakespeare festival.

“Guests are encouraged to arrive early and enjoy a picnic on the grounds before the performance,” said Evan Donnellan, Executive Director of the Carriage House Players. “The Shakespeare Festival has been a main event for Long Island for three decades now and we are proud to continue the tradition.”

“We’ve chosen *A Midsummer Night's Dream* because the timeless story of love gone awry, complete with mischievous fairies and bumbling actors, will create a hilarious evening of theater filled with charm, magic, and grand romantic gestures, the kind of things everyone wants from a warm summer evening,” said Donnellan.

“After the romp, we are proud to present Shakespeare's greatest tragedy, *Hamlet*,” Donnellan continued. “The classic tale of revenge, loss, and the thirst for power, complete with glorious sword fights and ghostly visitors, will transport audiences back in time and put them right in the head of the Danish prince as he struggles to determine what is wrong and what is right. Come join us as the most beautiful words in the English language are given new life by our performers!”