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MEDIA RELEASE Shakespeare by the Bow is back and on the road this summer as SHAKESPEARE ON THE GO July 31 - August 29, 2021

Calgary, AB... Theatre Calgary, in partnership with **The Shakespeare Company** and **Hit + Myth Productions**, are pleased to bring Shakespeare by the Bow back this year, but with a twist, as we present *Shakespeare on the Go*!

For 2021, our traditional Shakespeare by the Bow is being re-imagined and going on the road in a fun and safe way. This year, we will be taking our emerging artists to a variety of Calgary and area locations and offering more than 30 opportunities for the public to enjoy live theatre during the month of August.

Shakespeare on the Go will feature **three different casts of three actors**, who will perform a collection of scenes from *The Comedy of Errors* (not the full production) that will be family-friendly, engaging, and easily accessible. Directed by **Reneltta Arluk**, and co-adapted by Arluk and **Barry Bilinsky**, each 45-minute show will focus on a specific theme, and are performed separately throughout the run.

"Shakespeare on the Go is an exciting opportunity for Theatre Calgary to bring the talent and skill of our traditional summer offering to the parks and neighbourhoods all across Calgary," says **Maya Choldin, Theatre Calgary's Executive Director**. "This is our opportunity to move theatre beyond the walls of our building, beyond the confines of the downtown core, to the homes of our neighbours and friends."

We are pleased to announce that our outdoor performance partnerships will include **Heritage Park**, multiple **Calgary Public Library** locations, **Brookfield Residential** properties in Calgary and area, **Springboard Performance's containR**, along with shows at numerous **public parks** in Calgary (locations TBA).

Once again this year, our Shakespeare program focuses its importance on the professional development and opportunity provided to a group of young Alberta emerging artists. We are pleased to share that our 2021 cast features Lauren Brady, Anna Dalgleish, Hannah Kerbes, Rebbekah Ogden, Sarah Ord, Spencer Streichert, Zachary Strom, Dylan Thomas-Bouchier, and Hannah Wigglesworth. Along with director Arluk, the creative team includes Deitra Kalyn (Production Design) and Jane MacFarlane (Voice Coach), Allison Lynch (Music Director) and Haysam Kadri (Fight Director).

"This year, the fusion of artistic energies of renowned director, Reneltta Arluk, William Shakespeare, and nine emerging Alberta actors will, without doubt, create inspiring and innovative theatre. Since Reneltta brings such a wealth of theatre knowledge, experience, and humanness, I know that she will transform this talented group of emerging artists," says **Theatre Calgary Artistic Director Stafford Arima**. "I am tremendously excited to see the fruits of their labours."

In keeping with tradition, there is no cost to watch this performance. However opportunities to donate and support this program and our emerging artists are available via **text-to-donate by texting COMEDY to 20222** or by going to theatrecalgary.com/donate.

For all our public performance showtime and up-to-date information, along with our comfort and safety protocols, please visit theatrecalgary.com.

Theatre Calgary wishes to thank the **RBC Foundation**, **Brookfield Residential**, and our **Friends of the Bard** – **Norman and Kathy Schachar**, for their generous support of this year's Shakespeare program.

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TV/PRINT/PHOTO MEDIA CALL Friday, July 30 - 11:00am Ramsay Park (near outdoor rink) 2040 Ramsay St SE

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