

SHAKESPEARE

theatre: **CALGARY** BY THE BOW FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I get tickets?

Just show up! Admission is pay-what-you-will at each performance. The suggested donation is \$20 per adult. However, you may decide your own donation amount. All funds go towards the Shakespeare by the Bow program providing mentorship and support for Alberta's emerging theatre artists.

Where do I go?

Prince's Island Park is nestled on the south side of the Bow River just north of downtown Calgary. There are three footbridges leading onto the island. The main access is the Jaipur Bridge from the Eau Claire Market area at 3rd Street SW. There is also a bridge at the east end of the island accessible from 6th Street SW, and a third on the north side of the island crossing the Bow River and Memorial Drive at the Calgary Curling Club. Once on the island, look for the Shakespeare by the Bow 'cabin' and additional signage.

How do I get there?

BY TRANSIT – *Prince's Island Park is situated within easy walking distance of various bus routes and the C-Train. Visit www.calgarytransit.com for more information.*

BY BICYCLE – *Prince's Island Park is easily located off Calgary's bike and recreation pathway along the Bow River.*

BY CAR - *There is no parking available on the island itself. The Eau Claire Market area offers street parking, pay lots and valet parking is offered at the Sheraton Suites. On the north side of the river off Memorial Drive, near the Curling Club, there is a Calgary Parking Authority parking lot with meter parking until 6 p.m., and free parking after 6 p.m. For more information visit www.calgaryparking.com.*

Do you perform rain or shine?

Performances may be delayed in poor weather conditions, and cancellations may take place under severe conditions if there is a danger to the audience or performers. Check our twitter account (@ShakesBow) for the most recent updates.

Do you perform every day?

Performances are Tuesdays through Sundays at 7pm and Sunday matinees are at 2pm. There will NOT be performances on June 29-July 1 (for Canada Day) or on July 19-20. The week of July 21-26, performances will be occurring at 1:30pm at Heritage Park.

What should I bring?

Shakespeare by the Bow is performed in a natural amphitheatre with ground seating. We recommend you bring a blanket or low festival chair to sit on. Picnics and non-alcoholic beverages are welcome. Some other items you might consider are a hat, sunscreen, mosquito repellent, rain gear, and/or a light jacket. Alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted.

Who are the performers?

Shakespeare by the Bow is a mentorship program that encourages and celebrates the next generation of theatre artists. The cast is composed of recently graduated post-secondary students from across Alberta at the beginning of their professional careers.

How long is the show?

The performance is approximately 75 minutes.

Is there an intermission?

There is no intermission.

Is photography permitted?

Photography is encouraged and we hope you'll share your pictures using #ShakesBow, however audio and video recording is prohibited.

Are there places to eat in the area?

There are a variety of food outlets, pubs and restaurants located in the Eau Claire Market and area, as well as in Kensington. Hours of operation vary.

Are there public washrooms?

There are public washrooms located near the main gate (the bridge across from Eau Claire Market) by the River Café.

Is the location wheelchair accessible?

Shakespeare by the Bow is performed in a natural park setting. Wheelchair access is limited. For more information please call Theatre Calgary at 403-294-7440.

Is the production suitable for children?

The Tempest is suitable for a general audience. Families are welcome. NOTE: While the script has been adapted for length, the play is performed in the original Shakespearean text. For more information about The Tempest download our MOBILE playguide at www.theatrecalgary.com/ShakesBowPG.

May I bring my child's stroller?

The seating area is located on a natural hillside. Strollers are not suitable for the general seating area. People with strollers will be asked to find seating at the back of the seating area where the location is more level.

PLEASE NOTE: Theatre Calgary is NOT responsible for any personal items including bicycles, strollers, chairs, bags etc.