



Shakespeare is Fun Workshop

For Young People Ages 7-16

August 12 & 14 from 1-3 p.m.

How do you make Shakespeare fun for children when adults often find it difficult to understand? There are a few basic "secrets" that one needs to know to open up the joy of experiencing the world of one of the greatest playwrights to anyone.

Leanne Young, local high school teacher, Shakespearean actress and scholar, and a member of the Phoenix Players Acting Workshop faculty, has created a unique program that allows children to quickly learn these "secrets," and then go on to find that Shakespeare talks about problems they encounter every day. Once they learn this, it becomes fun to read and "do" Shakespeare.



Why is this workshop different?

Children of all ages can and do learn to love Shakespeare, yet there are very few classes that help them to do this before they encounter him in a high school class English class. Often, that encounter is a difficult one because the teacher has not performed Shakespeare and does not have the time to give the necessary background before one reads such works as *Hamlet* or *Macbeth*.

Our class takes the time to build that framework in a relaxed and fun way, resulting in such comments as "Shakespeare isn't hard at all," "Wow this stuff is cool," "Why don't we do more Shakespeare plays?" We know of no other class in the area that does what this class does so well.

The proof of the results obtained is that prior participants have gone on to do Shakespeare's plays for audiences. As an example, our resident children's theatre ensemble has presented productions both *Hamlet* and *Macbeth* in which children from ages 7-16, played all of the roles.

Who Can Enroll and Benefit from this class

The class is open to anyone, aged 8-18, who would like to begin to understand the world of William Shakespeare. It is a great background class to prepare for high school English Shakespeare assignments, as well as helping them to enjoy Shakespeare plays in the future. For those with acting plans, this class is a must. It will give them a giant leap forward in training for future roles and make them far more advanced than most all other actors of their age level.

Registration Fees

The Phoenix Players is a non-profit organization, so our fees are very reasonable for the level of teaching provided. The cost for this workshop is \$60 for the two afternoon sessions.

The workshop will be at The Phoenix Players Theatre in the Historic 1856 Green Oak Township Hall
10789 Silver Lake Road, 2 miles east of US 23.

For further information or a registration form, please call (810) 588-3662 or email
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