

But, soft,
what light through yonder
window breaks?
It is the east,
and Juliet is the sun.

Romeo and Juliet (Romeo, Act 2 Scene 1)



SHAKESPEARE ON THE RIVER

24/04/2018-05/04/2018 STRATFORD, VICTORIA



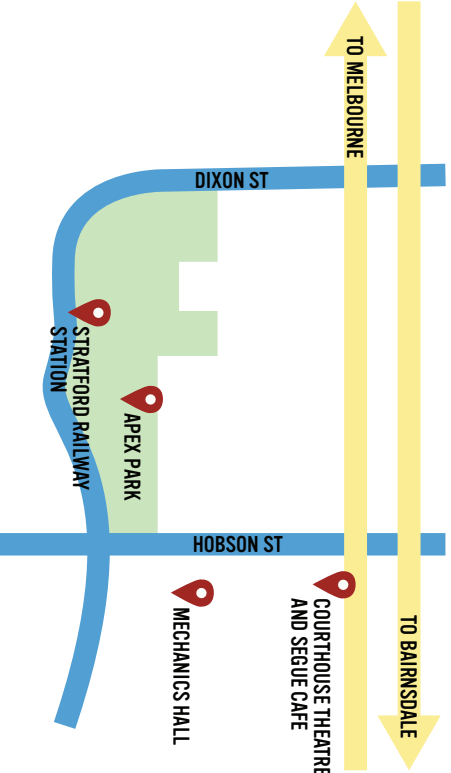
2018 RIVER FESTIVAL

SHAKESPEARE

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Our annual Shakespeare On The River Festival runs each April/May in Stratford, Australia. The festival has created an enduring arts legacy for Stratford that showcases community, professional theatre and the broader arts scene.

The Festival has grown to include over twenty different events being performed over a two-and-a-half week period. The people of Stratford, The Festival management team, the best artists from around the region, and guest professional companies will take you on a culturally engaging journey back in time.



21/04/2018-06/05/2018

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DATE	SHOW	VENUE	TIME	PRICE
21/04/2018	Official Festival Opening Event "Comedy of Errors" Groundwork Youth Theatre Shakespeare's Birthday Party in the Park "Comedy of Errors" Groundwork Youth Theatre Traditional Evensong	Stratford Courthouse & Segue Arts Cafe & Gallery Apex Park Courthouse Theatre Holy Trinity Church	6:00pm 8:00pm 10:00am 1:00pm 4:30pm	Free \$15 Free \$15 Free
22/04/2018	"Completely Improvised Shakespeare" Scootplayers	Courthouse Theatre	7:30pm	Adult:\$25, Con:.\$15
23/04/2018	"The Tempest" Community Play	Courthouse Theatre	7:30pm	Adult:\$25, Con:.\$15
24/04/2018	"The Bard's Banquet" Under The Sea A three-course meal, the great Shakespearean debate and Ye Olde Rusty Rockers	Courthouse Theatre	7:30pm	Adult:\$25, Con:.\$15
25/04/2018	"Vocal Nosh" Led by Eva Gunden	Mechanics Hall	12:00pm	\$15
26/04/2018	"Romeo & Juliet" Combined Schools Grade 6 Play	Mechanics Hall	1:30pm	\$5
27/04/2018	"Romeo & Juliet" Combined Schools Grade 6 Play	Mechanics Hall	1:30pm	\$5
28/04/2018	"The Tempest" Community Play	Courthouse Theatre	7:30pm	Adult:\$25, Con:.\$15
29/04/2018	"Romeo & Juliet" Combined Schools Grade 6 Play	Mechanics Hall	1:30pm	\$5
30/04/2018	"The Tempest" Community Play	Courthouse Theatre	7:30pm	Adult:\$25, Con:.\$15
01/05/2018	"Romeo & Juliet" Combined Schools Grade 6 Play	Mechanics Hall	1:30pm	\$5
02/05/2018	"The Tempest" Community Play	Courthouse Theatre	7:30pm	Adult:\$25, Con:.\$15
03/05/2018	"Romeo & Juliet" Combined Schools Grade 6 Play	Mechanics Hall	1:30pm	\$5
04/05/2018	"The Tempest" Community Play	Courthouse Theatre	7:30pm	Adult:\$25, Con:.\$15
05/05/2018	"The Tempest" Community Play	Courthouse Theatre	7:30pm	Adult:\$25, Con:.\$15
06/05/2018	Medieval Faire Day & Makers Market Family day with fairs games, children's acting workshops, live music and food	Hobson Street	10:00am-3:00pm	Free
07/05/2018	"Shakespeare in Therapy" 24 Carrot Productions	Mechanics Hall	2:00pm	Adult:\$25, Con:.\$15

PERFORMANCES

FOOD

OTHER

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"COMEDY OF ERRORS"

Antipholus and Dromio travel where another servant called Dromio tells Antipholus he has to be home for dinner, he beats up the second Dromio. Another Antipholus then beats up the first Dromio for being a snarky back chit. Then Antipholus goes to dinner with his wife and takes Dromio (the first one that the second Antipholus beat up) Did I mention they are all twin brothers? Confused yet? Come along to "The Comedy of Errors". You'll be treated to hilarious confusion, slapstick humour, cross dressing and the occasional farl like all set in the Wild West.

DIRECTED BY LAUREN REID
https://www.facebook.com/groundworkyouththeatre/

SHOWING AT COURTHOUSE THEATRE
21/04/2018 @ 8pm, 22/04/2018 @ 1pm
ALL TICKETS \$15

"THE TEMPEST"

Community Play

For Prospero, Time does not heal all wounds. After being usurped as the Duke of Milan by his brother, Prospero and his daughter Miranda found refuge in a small harsh and exotic land. Twelve years later, with the arrival of some unexpected shipwrecked visitors, Prospero is ripe for vengeance.

The time has come to settle an age old grudge so Prospero magics up a storm - an array of mystical events causing havoc. Meanwhile, a love-at-first-sight romance blossoms between his island-raised daughter and King Alonso's son Ferdinand - an unfortunate island captor. The past meets the present with Gonzalo, the former Duke's trusted

EVENTS

THE SHEILA MALADY SHORT STORY COMPETITION "FOR THE LOVE OF SHAKESPEARE"

Launched in 2014, the Shakespeare on the River short story competition is dedicated to one of the festival's longest standing members and inaugural judge to the competition: Sheila Malady, who sadly died in September that year.

The idea for this came from a task set in a writing group - write a short story inspired by one of the plays written by Shakespeare. And why not? Shakespeare's plays have been adapted, re-envisioned, and re-cast throughout time. Characters dearly beloved can take on a new life in the hands of another writer. Likewise as time old tales can be staged in a modern context. At its heart, this competition is about celebrating and breathing new life into the works of Shakespeare by inviting writers to send us their own creations.

Details for the Sheila Malady Short Story Competition in 2018 are now yet available. Head to our website to learn more about entering and to read previous winners entries.

2018 ART EXHIBITION "THE TEMPEST"

The possibilities are truly endless for the 2018 Stratford Shakespeare on the River festival Art Exhibition. This Exhibition is open to artists of all styles and mediums and is now in its 8th year with growing momentum. The past years have seen works by renowned and upcoming artists with a people choice award and opportunity to sell your works during one of Stratford's busiest months.

MEDIAeval FAIRE DAY & MAKERS MARKET

A grand variety of traditional arts and crafts, food and beverages: fresh produce, together with exhibitions, lost trade displays, theatre, kids games and workshops.

For more information on Faire Day, head to our dedicated Faire Day page at <http://www.stratfordshakespeare.com.au/faire-day>

EVENT HAPPENING ON HOBSON ST, STRATFORD
06/05/2018 @ 10am-3pm
FREE EVENT

TRADITIONAL EVENSONG

Evensong at the Holy Trinity Church is a Shakespeare on the River Festival tradition. Come along and celebrate this ecumenical service with us.

EVENT HAPPENING AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
25 McFARLANE ST, STRATFORD
22/04/2018 @ 4pm
FREE EVENT

SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY IN THE PARK

Children of all ages are invited to Stratford's Medieval Apex Park for a Shakespearean Birthday Bash. Come and support Stratford's Courthouse Kids as they perform snippets of some of Shakespeare's most famous plays. Activities will include games, puzzles, a scavenger hunt and of course a giant birthday cake.

EVENT HAPPENING AT APEX PARK
22/04/2018 @ 10am
FREE EVENT

GINNED AND TWINED FESTIVAL

Come and celebrate the opening of our 2018 Shakespeare on the River Festival with us at the Stratford Courthouse Theatre and Segue Arts Cafe. Enjoy the opening of the 2018 Art Exhibition "The Tempest", live performances, the announcement of the 2018 Sheila Malady Short Story Competition winners, and the presentation of the 2018 Jane Jones Youth Award.

EVENT HAPPENING AT THE STRATFORD COURTHOUSE & SEGUE GALLERY
06/05/2018 @ 6pm
FREE EVENT

"SHAKESPEARE IN THERAPY"

24 Carrot Productions

Death might be the end of the story for many Shakespearean characters, but it doesn't mean the end of their emotional baggage. Welcome to the after-life group therapy session for people who have been traumatised by their playwright. There will be tears, tantrums and some insight as Desdemona, Romeo, Ophelia and others process their feelings and actions.

Join them for instant coffee, cheap name tags, and overexposed feelings.

It's about time these people got to work out some of their issues. - SHAMINI KUMAR (Writer/Director)

SHOWING AT THE MECHANICS HALL
05/05/2018 @ 2pm, 06/05/2018 @ 2pm
ADULT TICKETS: \$25, CONCESSION TICKETS: \$15

FOOD

"THE BARD'S BANQUET: Under The Sea"

A long standing festival tradition, revelers come together to eat, drink, be merry and be entertained. We know festival goers love the chance to dress up, so we want you to embrace our seafaring theme. From the sailors of The Tempest, to pirates of Pericles and shipwrecked twins aplenty The Bard gives ample inspiration. From medieval to modern show us your fanciest costumes yet.

The night will also herald the return of another Stratford Shakespeare on the River Festival tradition - The Great Shakespearean Debate. Two teams featuring local, well known personalities will attempt to persuade and sway your opinion in a Shakespearean inspired debate. With Ye Olde Rusty Rockers to fill the dancefloor and The Bards Bar selling local craft

"VOCAL NOSH"

Led by Eva Gunden

Come for an afternoon of soup and song led by Burthen local Eva Gunden. This is a popular event for those who love to sing. It is a warm and welcoming place for those who are yet to find their voice! Please book as it's a catered event.

AT THE MECHANICS HALL
30/04/2018 @ 12pm
ALL TICKETS \$15

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TO BUY TICKETS AND GET MORE INFORMATION ON THE FESTIVAL, GO TO: