

I to the world am
like a drop of water
That in the ocean
seeks another drop

Comedy of Errors (Antipholus of Syracuse, Act 1 Scene 2)



SHAKESPEARE ON THE RIVER

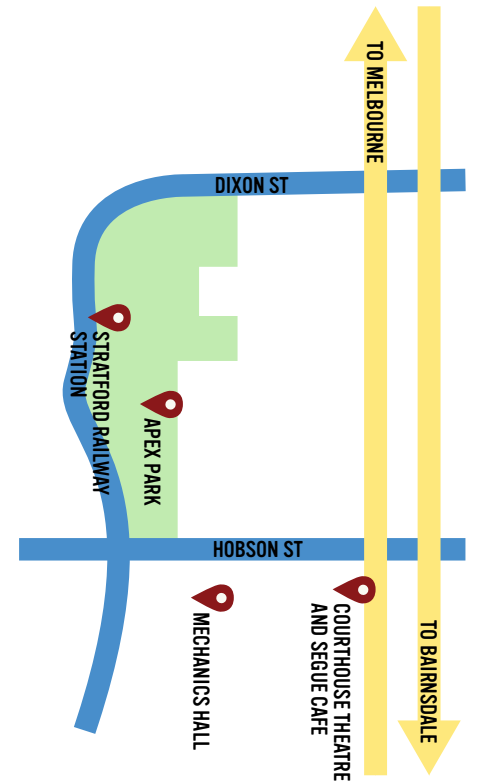
24/04/2018-05/04/2018 STRATFORD, VICTORIA



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	Stratford Courthouse & Segue Arts Cafe & Gallery Apex Park	6:00pm 8:00pm 10:00am	Free \$15 Free
22/04/2018	"Comedy of Errors" Groundwork Youth Theatre Traditional Evensong	Courthouse Theatre Holy Trinity Church	1:00pm 4:30pm	\$15 Free
23/04/2018	"Completely Improvised Shakespeare" Scootplayers	Courthouse Theatre	7:30pm	Adult:\$25 Con:.\$15
27/04/2018	"The Tempest" Community Play	Courthouse Theatre	7:30pm	Adult:\$25 Con:.\$15
28/04/2018	"The Tempest" Community Play "The Bard's Banquet" Under The Sea A three-course meal, the great Shakespearean debate and Ye Olde Rusty Rockers	Courthouse Theatre Mechanics Hall	5:00pm 7:00pm	Adult:\$25 Con:.\$15 \$55
29/04/2018	"Vocal Nosh" Led by Eva Gunden	Mechanics Hall	12:00pm	\$15
01/05/2018	"Romeo & Juliet" Combined Schools Grade 6 Play	Mechanics Hall	1:30pm	\$5
03/05/2018	"Romeo & Juliet" Combined Schools Grade 6 Play "The Tempest" Community Play	Mechanics Hall Courthouse Theatre	1:30pm 7:30pm	\$5 Adult:\$25 Con:.\$15
04/05/2018	"Romeo & Juliet" Combined Schools Grade 6 Play "The Tempest" Community Play	Mechanics Hall Courthouse Theatre	6:00pm 7:30pm	\$5 Adult:\$25 Con:.\$15
05/05/2018	"Shakespeare in Therapy" 24 Carrot Productions "The Tempest" Community Play	Mechanics Hall Courthouse Theatre	2:00pm 7:30pm	Adult:\$25 Con:.\$15
06/05/2018	Medieval Faire Day & Makers Market Family day with fair games, children's acting workshops, live music and food	Hobson Street Mechanics Hall	10:00am-3:00pm 2:00pm	Free Adult:\$25 Con:.\$15

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"COMEDY OF ERRORS"

Groundwork Youth Group
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 fart 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

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.

"ROMEO AND JULIET"

Combined Schools Grade 6 Play
Two schools both alike in dignity. In fair Verona where we set our scene, Stratford Primary School and St. Patrick's Primary School invite you all to Verona's party of the year. Expect the unexpected! Brawling, Brides and Bloodshed.

Host: The Capulets
Place: Capulet mansion (Stratford Mechanics Hall)
Date:
Time:

PS: If you are a Montague do not bother turning up!
DIRECTED BY RACHAEL NICHOLLS

SHOWING AT THE MECHANICS HALL
01/05/2018 @ 1:30pm, 03/05/2018 1:30pm,
04/05/2018 @ 9pm
ALL TICKETS \$5

FOOD

"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

"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

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

OFFICIAL FESTIVAL YOUTH AWARDS

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

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

http://www.stratfordshakespeare.com.au

"COMPLETELY IMPROVISED SHAKESPEARE"

Scootplayers
Scootplayers improvise a hilarious Shakespearean play from nothing but a suggested title from the audience. No plans. No scripts. They guarantee you will laugh or your money back. Really!

Comedy? Tragedy? History? Scootplayers can do it all, completely on the spot. Did you have Shakespeare in school? Prepare yourself. The show is fast-paced and action-packed promising laughs and gasps for Bard lovers and fathers alike. The cast includes members of Melbourne's premier improvisation troupes, including The Improv Conspiracy, Impro Melbourne, The Big Ho-Ha, and Improprunes.

SHOWING AT COURTHOUSE THEATRE
22/04/2018 @ 7:30pm
ADULT TICKETS: \$25, CONCESSION TICKETS: \$15

"VOCAL NOSH"

Led by Eva Gunden
Come for an afternoon of soup and song led by Burthen local Eva Gunden. This is a popular 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