



## Media Release

### SUMMER STUDENTS FOR SHAKESPEARE

**Prescott, June 1, 2009:**

The St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival is now accepting applications from students aged 13 and up for its Young Artists Training Program this summer.

Taking place from July 27<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>, students will spend the week working with professional actors from the Festival on different aspects of the craft of acting, including voice work, movement, stage combat and of course, Shakespeare!

Whether the students have only taken a few drama classes or whether they are seriously considering a career in the theatre, this week has something for everyone!

“This week is one of the highlights of the Festival for us”, said Artistic Director Ian Farthing. “Seeing the passion and enthusiasm generated by these teenagers is always so exciting”.

As well as getting specialized training from some of the best instructors in the province, students also get the opportunity for a showcase performance as part of the Festival’s Sunday Series on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, a chance for local audiences to see some of the stars of the future!

A former participant had this to say about her involvement in the program: “This experience has been something that I wouldn’t trade for a thousand teenage parties or trips to the mall. I spent this summer with a group of people I admire and respect”.

The week-long program costs \$150 and students can obtain an application form directly from the Festival.

The St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival’s 2009 season featuring ***The Taming of the Shrew*** and ***Measure for Measure*** runs July 11<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Kinsmen Amphitheatre at Sandra S. Lawn Harbour in Prescott.

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