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**Cape May Stage Presents
The Summer SHAKESPEAREience
Theatre Summer Camp**

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Cape May, NJ – Cape May Stage, South Jersey’s premier Equity theatre, is pleased to announce another chapter in their continuing commitment to quality educational programming. Cape May Stage’s Summer SHAKESPEAREience was recently voted one of the #3 theatre camps in New Jersey on JerseyArts.com out of almost a dozen statewide competing theatre arts programs.

This year’s Summer SHAKESPEAREience is geared toward students of theatre ages 9 to 18, culminating in a performance of the Bard’s *Twelfth Night*. We are expanding the camp to include two separate sessions: the first runs two weeks from July 11-16 and July 18-23 at the Wildwood Recreational Center and the second runs from August 8-13 and August 15-20 at the Robert Shackleton Playhouse. Both sessions will be held from 10 AM to 3 PM, Mondays through Saturdays.

“I’m very excited about the potential for this summer,” says Education Outreach Coordinator Donald Toal, who also returns this year as the camp’s directors. “The students we had last year continually impressed us with their intelligence and creativity, as well as their overall enthusiasm. This year gives us the chance to raise the stakes, and challenge returning campers’ abilities even further, as well as offer newcomers a jumping-off point into the world of theatre that is exciting, but never intimidating. Any student that wants to explore what makes the magic of live theatre possible will be right at home here.”

Cape May Stage has established a history of educational programs that give students valuable experiences interacting with their peers and mentors. The Summer SHAKESPEAREience is no exception. Students will explore acting techniques designed for creating believable characters and honest, spontaneous performances. They will also learn methods for understanding and communicating Shakespeare’s language and style, as well as the background of his life and plays. Our professional teaching artists provide a supportive, insightful and (most importantly) fun environment that allows students to build new skills, communicate with their peers, and expand their horizons.

Qualified students may be interested in the theatre’s Apprentice program, designed to give youths age 16 and older the opportunity to experience theatre as a professional artist and

teacher. The apprentice will shadow a mentor Teaching Artist for the duration of the camp program, as well as gain experience in directing their peers in a scene for the final performance.

The cost of enrollment for either the July or August session is \$325 per student. Students that qualify for the Apprentice program receive a half scholarship (two Apprentices per session). A \$50 deposit is due at enrollment, with the balance due 2 weeks before starting camp. For more information about this year's camp, including applications for both the camp and the Apprentice program, log onto our Education webpage at <http://www.capemaystage.com/education.html>, or contact our Box Office at (609)-884-1341. Space is extremely limited for both sessions—sign up today!

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pictured: Donald Toal, CMS Education Outreach Coordinator