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Classical Actors Ensemble once again presents free Shakespeare in the park

Minneapolis, MN – This June and July, Classical Actors Ensemble (CAE) will present Shakespeare's comedy "**The Comedy of Errors**" in several Twin Cities' parks, with a home base of **Lake of the Isles**. This will be CAE's fourth annual offering of outdoor Shakespeare following 2016's "A Midsummer Night's Dream", 2015's "The Two Gentlemen of Verona", and 2014's "Love's Labors Lost". As always, performances are **free** to the public, children are welcome, and picnicking is encouraged.

"The Comedy of Errors", Shakespeare's shortest play, is a roller coaster of false accusations of theft, infidelity, madness, and even demonic possession, as two sets of twins separated at birth find themselves in the same place at the same time—without anyone realizing it. Emotions and stakes are high as a pair of sisters, local businesspeople, and even the twins themselves become mired in the midst of mistaken identity. The results are hilarious situations rooted in confusion and misunderstanding. In keeping with CAE's aesthetic, this production will include live, contemporary music.

WHERE/WHEN

The performances will run Friday, June 23 through Sunday, July 23: Friday and Saturday evenings at 7pm; Sunday afternoons at 2pm (apart from July 2); and some Thursdays at 7pm. The main performance location will be the point on Lake of the Isles (near the intersection of Newton Avenue South and West Lake of the Isles Parkway). CAE will also give performances in St. Paul, Edina, South St. Paul, and St. Louis Park. Admission is free, donations are gratefully accepted.

Fri, June 23, 7pm	Wolfe Park Amphitheater, St. Louis Park
Sat, June 24, 7pm	Lake of the Isles, Mpls
Sun, June 25, 2pm	Newell Park, St. Paul
Fri, June 30, 7pm	Seidl's Lake Park, South St. Paul
Sat, July 1, 7pm	Lake of the Isles, Mpls
Sun, July 2, 7pm	Centennial Lakes, Edina
Thu, July 6, 7pm	Matthews Park, Mpls
Fri, July 7, 7pm	Newell Park, St. Paul
Sat, July 8, 7pm	Lake of the Isles, Mpls
Sun, July 9, 2pm	Lake of the Isles, Mpls
Fri, July 14, 7pm	Como Park, St. Paul
Sat, July 15, 7pm	Lake of the Isles, Mpls
Sun, July 16, 2pm	Lake of the Isles, Mpls
Thu, July 20, 7pm	Lake Harriet Rose Gardens, Mpls
Fri, July 21, 7pm	Lake of the Isles, Mpls
Sat, July 22, 7pm	Lake of the Isles, Mpls
Sun, July 23, 2pm	Lake of the Isles, Mpls

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Patrons are encouraged to visit www.classicalactorsensemble.org for specific performance locations within the parks. They may also call the box office at **651.321.4024**.

THE ARTISTS

Directed by CAE company member **Marika Proctor**, "The Comedy of Errors" cast consists of ten actors. Pulling double duty, **Timothy Daly** is featured as the set of twin Dromios and **Jake Sung-Guk Sullivan** as both Antipholuses. The supporting cast includes **Marci Lucht** as Adriana and **Nissa Nordland Morgan** as her sister, Luciana, as well as **Peter Simmons** as Egeon, father to the twins.

ABOUT CAE

Classical Actors Ensemble is a Twin Cities theater company that captures the spirit in which the plays of the English Renaissance were originally performed – with immediacy, passion, and as popular entertainment. Since its founding by artistic director Joseph Papke in 2009, CAE has presented eighteen works by William Shakespeare, John Ford, Thomas Middleton, John Webster, Ben Jonson, and Christopher Marlowe. Recent productions include "Volpone" and "The Merchant of Venice" in repertory, fall 2016 at the Theatre Garage and "As You Like It" spring 2017 at the Crane Theater as well as touring to high schools. CAE's goal is to demonstrate why these works of art are considered classics and to freshly prove their relevance in today's world.

To learn more about the company, please visit:
www.classicalactorsensemble.org/ensemble.html

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