

# CLASSICAL · ACTORS · ENSEMBLE

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## **Classical Actors Ensemble Announces *Romeo and Juliet* as its 2018 Shakespeare in Our Parks Production**

**Free, Family-Friendly Performances June 15 - July 15 in Twin Cities Parks**

(Minneapolis, MN)—Classical Actors Ensemble (CAE) announces its fifth season of Shakespeare in Our Parks with its production of *Romeo and Juliet*. Directed by Joseph Papke, the classic tragedy of rash youth will be performed in Twin Cities parks June 15 - July 15.

CAE honors Shakespeare's work by making high-quality entertainment available for all at no charge through its annual Shakespeare in Our Parks program. CAE encourages audiences to bring a picnic to enjoy this free outdoor entertainment for the entire family. In keeping with CAE's aesthetic, this production will include live, contemporary music. More information is available at [classicalactorsensemble.org](http://classicalactorsensemble.org).

One of Shakespeare's best known and most often revived plays, *Romeo and Juliet* has all the ingredients of a successful comedy, were fate not to adversely intervene halfway through. CAE's production will be set in the early 19<sup>th</sup> Century Romantic Era and will focus on the comedic elements of the story, as well as the immaturity of the couple and the recklessness of their mentors.

Previous Shakespeare in Our Parks productions: *The Comedy of Errors* (2017), *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (2016), *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* (2015), *Love's Labors Lost* (2014).

### **THE ARTISTS**

The skilled cast includes Mike Tober as Romeo, Emma Van Vactor-Lee as Juliet, Alan Tilson as Friar Lawrence, Samantha V. Papke as the nurse, and Leif Jurgensen as Capulet. Fresh off their technical success with CAE's *The Roaring Girl*, scenic design is by Dietrich Poppen and costumes by Lolly Foy. The production is directed by CAE Artistic Director Joseph Papke.

## PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Friday, June 15, 7pm: [Lyndale Park Rose Garden, 4124 Roseway Rd, Minneapolis](#)  
Saturday, June 16, 7pm: [Lake of the Isles \(Newton Ave. S. and West Lake of the Isles Parkway\)](#)  
Sunday, June 17, 2pm: [Newell Park, 900 Fairview Ave N, St Paul](#)  
Thursday, June 21, 7pm: [St. Clement's Church, St. Paul](#)  
Friday, June 22, 7pm: [Matthews Park, 2318 29th Ave S, Minneapolis](#)  
Saturday, June 23, 7pm: [Lake of the Isles \(Newton Ave. S. and West Lake of the Isles Parkway\)](#)  
Sunday, June 24, 2pm: [Cedar Lake Hidden Beach, Minneapolis](#)  
Tuesday, June 26, 7pm: [Levee Park, Hastings](#)  
Friday, June 29, 7pm: [Wolfe Park Amphitheater, St. Louis Park](#)  
Saturday, June 30, 7pm: [Lake of the Isles \(Newton Ave. S. and West Lake of the Isles Parkway\)](#)  
Sunday, July 1, 7pm: [Centennial Lakes Park, Edina](#)  
Friday, July 6, 7pm: [Newell Park, St. Paul](#)  
Saturday, July 7, 7pm: [Lake of the Isles \(Newton Ave. S. and West Lake of the Isles Parkway\)](#)  
Sunday, July 8, 2pm: [Grandview Park, South St. Paul](#)  
Thursday, July 12, 7pm: [Tony Schmidt Park, Arden Hills](#)  
Friday, July 13, 7pm: [Como Park, St. Paul](#)  
Saturday, July 14, 7pm: [Lake of the Isles \(Newton Ave. S. and West Lake of the Isles Parkway\)](#)  
Sunday, July 15, 2pm: [Lake of the Isles \(Newton Ave. S. and West Lake of the Isles Parkway\)](#)

Runtime: ~two hours

## TICKETS

FREE. No reservations required. Donations encouraged.

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Questions may be directed to the box office at [boxoffice@classicalactorsensemble.org](mailto:boxoffice@classicalactorsensemble.org) or 651.321.4024.

## ACCESSIBILITY

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## ABOUT CLASSICAL ACTORS ENSEMBLE

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 twenty one works by William Shakespeare, John Ford, Thomas Middleton, John Webster, Ben Jonson, and Christopher Marlowe. Recent productions include *The Roaring Girl* at the Gremlin Theatre, March 2018, and a current educational tour of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* 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 [classicalactorsensemble.org](http://classicalactorsensemble.org).

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