

Shakespeare Performances

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is proud to present

Shakespeare in the Park

featuring The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's Next Stage Ensemble

performing

THE TAMING OF THE SHREW

by William Shakespeare

FREE ADMISSION

Pack a picnic and a blanket or lawn chairs and head out to Union County parks to enjoy Next Stage Ensemble's abridged performance of Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*.



PERFORMANCES

[Shakespeare Garden at Cedar Brook Park, Plainfield](#)

Sunday, July 16 at 1 p.m.

[Raymond Wood Bauer Promenade \(Amphitheatre\), Linden](#)

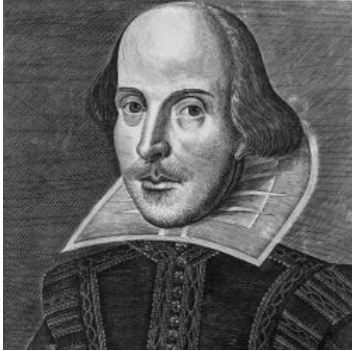
Sunday, July 30 at 1pm

[Echo Lake Park, Mountainside](#)

Friday, August 4 at 7pm

“My tongue will tell the anger of my heart, or else my heart concealing it will
break.”

— William Shakespeare, *The Taming of the Shrew*



Audiences of all ages will enjoy The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey’s Next Stage Ensemble abridged performance of the time-honored romantic comedy of male chauvinism and women’s lib in the 16th century. Petruchio, a poverty-stricken gentleman from Verona, journeys to Padua in search of a wealthy wife. There, he encounters the fiery Katharina, a self-willed shrew who leads Petruchio on a merry chase before he successfully circumvents her attempts to avoid marriage. Their honeymoon becomes a humorous battle of wit and insult with Kate as determined to maintain her independence as Petruchio is to “tame” her.

“There’s small choice in rotten apples.”

- William Shakespeare, *The Taming of the Shrew*

ABOUT NEXT STAGE ENSEMBLE

The Next Stage Ensemble, the Shakespeare Theatre’s summer touring company of early career actors, is part of the Theatre’s Summer Professional Training Program which offers students working toward a career in the performing arts clear instruction, individual attention, and thoughtful and candid evaluation in a professional theatre environment. The Next Stage Ensemble works with The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey’s resident and guest directors on two fully developed productions of abridged classic plays. The troupe tours to various locations throughout the state - including libraries, retirement homes and community centers.

The acclaimed Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey is an independent, professional theatre company located on the Drew University campus. One of the leading Shakespeare theatres in the nation, serving 100,000 adults and children

annually, it is New Jersey's largest professional theatre company dedicated solely to Shakespeare's canon and other world classics. Through its distinguished productions and education programs, the company strives to illuminate the universal and lasting relevance of the classics for contemporary audiences.

