

The Sound Shore Shakespeare Festival

FACT SHEET

From March through May, 2010, take time to savor the works of William Shakespeare, presented in a variety of ways at venues around our Sound Shore communities. Enjoy performances, films, concerts, an art exhibit and discussions.

This calendar of events is current as of February 3, 2010 – please note that at this time the calendar is in formation and remains subject to change. The Sound Shore Shakespeare Festival is being organized by the New Rochelle Council on the Arts with support from the New York Council for the Humanities.

The Semi-Royal Shakespeare Company March 4–7th at Hommocks Middle School

With a cast and crew consisting of some 90 Mamaroneck High School students under the direction of Dee O'Brien The Semi-Royal Shakespeare Company is the oldest continuous high school Shakespeare troupe in the United States. Tickets cost \$10; visit www.mamkschools.org to reserve.

<u>Thursday, March 4th:</u>	7:30 pm “Macbeth”
<u>Friday, March 5th:</u>	8 pm “The Taming of the Shrew”
<u>Saturday, March 6th:</u>	2 pm “The Taming of the Shrew”
	8 pm “Macbeth”
<u>Sunday, March 7th:</u>	1 pm “Macbeth”
	7 pm “The Taming of the Shrew”

“Shakespeare In Opera” April 8th at 7:30 pm at NRHS Linda Kelly Theater

New Rochelle Opera presents excerpts from operas inspired by Shakespeare, sung by up-and-coming professional singers from the metropolitan area. Tickets \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students; all proceeds benefit New Rochelle Opera and the Museum of Arts & Culture. Contact 914-576-1617 to reserve.

**“Met in High Def” April 14th at 6:30 pm: “Hamlet – Ambroise Thomas”
at New Roc Regal Cinema**

The Metropolitan Opera brings an extraordinary cast this new production of Ambroise Thomas’s Hamlet. (Ophélie’s extended mad scene is considered among the greatest in opera). Adults \$22, seniors \$20, students \$15. Visit www.newroc.com to reserve.

**“Ode to the Bard” April 18th at 3 pm
at St. John’s Episcopal Church, Wilmot Road**

As part of the city’s annual Daffodil Festival, enjoy a poetry reading and interactive discussion about daffodils in the work of Shakespeare, Your host is Rev. Hesse, pastor of St. John’s and author of the book “Food from Shakespeare.” Presented by the New Rochelle Garden Club and the New Rochelle Council on the Arts; free and open to the public.

**Happy Birthday, Mr. Shakespeare! April 23rd at 7 pm
at Iona College**

Celebrate the 349th anniversary of Shakespeare’s death (and perhaps the 446th anniversary of his birth) at Iona College with Professor John Mahon, co-editor of The Shakespeare Newsletter. Enjoy a lecture by this leading authority on the Bard. Event is free and open to the public but reservations are recommended; call TK to reserve.

**“Inspired by Shakespeare” May 4th —23rd
at the Museum of Arts & Culture**

A juried art show of works in a variety of media, all inspired by Shakespeare. (Artists will be asked to provide a statement that ties their work to a specific play or sonnet, a character or a scene.) The show is open to professional artists and high school students from New Rochelle, Larchmont and Mamaroneck, with a jury of professionals and prizes to be awarded at the opening reception on Thursday, May 13th at 7 pm. The MAC is open to the public Mondays through Fridays, 9 am to 3 pm, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 7 to 9 pm. Visit www.dbmac.org for more information and directions.

**Knighthorse Theatre Company May 7th and 8th at 7:30 pm
at Linda Kelly Theater, NRHS**

The Museum of Arts & Culture presents the Knighthorse Theater Company, whose mission is to get Shakespeare “off the page and onto the stage.”Knighthorse travels without sets and uses only minimal props, so the

"magic" of their productions is wholly dependent upon the supremacy of Shakespeare's language and the vast, untapped potential of the combined imaginations of actors and audience. Two public performances; tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors. All proceeds benefit the Museum of Arts & Culture. Visit www.nredfund.org to reserve.

Friday, May 7th: 7:30 pm performance open to the public
Saturday, May 8th: 7:30 pm performance open to public

**Shakespeare at Dusk Concert May 11th at 5 pm
at Davenport Park**

A musical interlude sponsored by the New Rochelle Council on the Arts, in collaboration with the Garden Club of New Rochelle and New Rochelle Parks & Recreation. One of the first of its kind in the U.S., the Shakespeare Garden was planted by the Avon Bard Society in 1937. Enjoy views of the garden and Long Island Sound during this free outdoor concert. (Rain date is May 18th) Visit www.newrochellearts.org for more information.

**A Shakespeare Film Festival May 13th – 27th at 7 pm
at the New Rochelle Public Library**

A free film series featuring cinematic versions of Shakespeare's works with interpretive discussions led by Iona College professors John Mahon and Tom Pendleton, editors of The Shakespeare Newsletter. Films will be shown at 7 pm in the Ossie Davis Theater. Visit www.nrpl.org for details.

Thursday, May 13th: "Title of Film" 7 pm
Thursday, May 20th: "Another film" 7 pm
Thursday, May 27th: "Another Film" 7 pm _