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## HIGH SCHOOL SHAKESPEARE IMMERSION PROJECT 2019

### Program Description

This fall, up to thirty carefully selected middle and high school students from Lansing area schools will be invited to spend an entire week immersed in Shakespeare with the extraordinary actor/teaching artists from the Stratford Festival of Canada. This is a rare and unique opportunity for selected students to gain tremendous insight into Shakespeare by working on the plays themselves with members of the best classical theatre company in North America. The project has been an enormous success, from the viewpoint of the Institute, student, parent and the Stratford staff.

**Saturday, October 26 through Friday, November 1** students will come to Wharton Center and study Shakespeare in depth. Activities will focus on text analysis, exploring the language and examining character, as well as participating in a variety of theatre activities and movement exercises designed to enhance the learning experience. Students will also be asked to keep journals and engage in reflective writing. The students' week will culminate with their performance of an abridged Shakespeare play on Wharton Center's Pasant stage to an audience of family, friends and school officials.



### Previous acting experience is not necessary!

Students who successfully complete the week will also be invited to attend a Shakespeare performance at the Stratford Festival of Canada in the spring of 2020. Tickets and bus transportation are provided by the Stratford Festival in support of this program.

While students are required to provide their own transportation to Wharton Center each day—there is no charge to either the student or parent for the students' participation. Food and beverages are provided during the day. Admission to the recital on Friday, November 1 is free.

### Dates and Times

Saturday & Sunday, October 26 & 27 from 12:00PM – 5:00PM

Monday, October 28 – Friday, November 1 from 3:30PM – 7:30PM & **Friday, November 1 Recital at 8:00PM**

### Student Selection

We are asking parents and teachers to recommend students who they think would be interested in the program. Students should be carefully screened for their willingness to participate and their ability to keep up with their school work.

In this packet you will find a Parent/Teacher Recommendation Form and a Student Application Form. To be considered, both forms must be submitted to Laurie Briseño via email: [briseno@whartoncenter.com](mailto:briseno@whartoncenter.com) or via fax: 517.353.5329 by **Friday, June 14, 2019**.

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**PARENT/TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM**  
(Complete a form for each student you are recommending)

Parent/Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to reach: \_\_\_\_\_

I recommend: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly tell us why you think the above student would be a good candidate for this program (use back of form, if necessary):

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STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Student cell phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to participate in the SHAKESPEARE IMMERSION PROJECT? Be specific about your personal goals and what you hope to achieve. Use back if necessary.

If accepted I understand I must:

- keep up with my regular school work and ensure that my schedule that week will not prevent me from participating;
- learn the lines for the culminating event;
- attend all workshops – every day and on time; and
- arrange for my own transportation.

I also understand there is no charge to me or my parent for participation, even though the market value for each participant is approximately \$400 for the week. I assure Wharton Center and the Stratford Festival that if I'm accepted, I am certain my schedule that week will not prevent me from participating and I fully intend to be present the entire week. I understand that last-minute cancellation or no-show will make it difficult for Wharton Center and Stratford staff who plan on my commitment and attendance, but will also deprive other students from participating in the program.

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Student signature

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