



# great river SHAKESPEARE festival

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## **GREAT RIVER SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2009 SHAKESPEARE FOR YOUNG ACTORS**

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**Winona, Minn.** – The Great River Shakespeare Festival will offer its second annual **Shakespeare for Young Actors** program, July 6 – 19, 2009. The 10-day workshop introduces students in grades 8-12 to basic principles of verse-speaking and acting, and culminates in a free public performance of scenes and monologues from Shakespeare's plays on Sunday, July 19.

Led by Andrew Carlson, veteran GRSF actor, and other members of the Festival company, Shakespeare for Young Actors helps students explore, acquire, and hone techniques utilized by professional actors when working on Shakespeare. Participants attend class from 10 AM to 4 PM, see performances of GRSF's 2009 season productions, *The Tempest* and *Love's Labour's Lost*, and participate in other Festival events taking place during the workshop.

"Last season's Shakespeare for Young Actors program was our first-ever, and a resounding success," commented Paul Barnes, GRSF Producing Director. "The culminating performance included scenes from **The Taming of the Shrew**, **Twelfth Night**, **Julius Caesar**, and many other of Shakespeare's plays – and was an absolute highlight. Several students from last year's program have small roles in this season's production of **Love's Labour's Lost** and are fitting in beautifully with their 2008 SYA mentors."

Fees for the program are \$350.00, including tuition and tickets to the plays. Applications are available on line at [www.grsf.org/education](http://www.grsf.org/education) or by contacting **Nick Minas, Education Coordinator**, at 507-474-7900 ext. 122.

**For more information on The Great River Shakespeare Festival and this year's season, visit [www.grsf.org](http://www.grsf.org) or call the box office at 507-474-7900 to reserve tickets.**