Hosted by Debra Freeberg and Gary Schmidt

Stratford FESTIVAL

June 25 – 28, 2024

OR

September 16 – 19, 2024
Established in 1952, the renowned Stratford Festival is now North America's largest classical repertory theatre company.

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Tour Cost
$1,645 per person from Grand Rapids, land only, based on double occupancy

Single supplement is $325

Each season, from April through November, a dozen or more productions are performed in four distinctive venues. Productions include classics, contemporary dramas, and musicals—with special emphasis on the plays of William Shakespeare—and draw visitors from around the world.

Join theatre experts Debra Freeberg and Gary Schmidt, along with Calvin University alumni and friends, on a four-day adventure to beautiful Ontario, Canada!

We will attend five expertly selected and crafted performances during the renowned Stratford Festival. Daily discussions, a Festival Treasures Tour, free time between shows, and convivial group dinners will round out our immersive theatre experience.

Don’t miss this unique opportunity!

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062524FREE – OR – 091624FREE

or complete and return the printed registration form.

Tour Pace
MODERATE – Activity levels vary from day to day.

Physical activity and hearing devices:
A motorcoach will be provided for transfers to and from the theatres, but walking is required to explore Stratford on foot. The Festival Treasures Tour is accessible, with no stairs, but there’s limited ability to sit or rest during the tour. This tour lasts about an hour.

Theatres offer wireless radio-frequency hearing-assistance receivers that are also compatible with t-coil-equipped hearing aids and cochlear implants. For optimal performance, guests are encouraged to bring their own headphones, though there are a limited number that can be lent. Please request a hearing-assistance device when you register for the tour.
Performances for June

June 25 – 28, 2024:
Romeo and Juliet
Something Rotten!
Twelfth Night
Wendy and Peter Pan
Cymbeline

Performances for September

September 16 – 19, 2024:
Romeo and Juliet
Something Rotten!
Twelfth Night
Hedda Gabler
London Assurance

JUNE 2024

Tuesday, June 25
Departure from Grand Rapids
We’ll meet at Calvin University’s Prince Conference Center and board a motorcoach for the drive to Stratford, Ontario. Along the way, we’ll stop for Customs as well as a brief break, and arrive in Stratford around 3:00 p.m. We’ll take an orientation tour of the theatre locations by bus and enjoy refreshments of afternoon tea and scones, followed by hotel check-in and a chance to freshen up. This evening, we’ll have a welcome dinner, followed by a talk from Debra or Gary. (D)

Wednesday, June 26
Stratford
After meeting for breakfast and some leisure time, half of our group will enjoy a Festival Treasures Tour of the warehouse and archives at 11:00 a.m. while the other half has time at leisure to explore Stratford. We’ll have time for an independent lunch and then the festival begins! Our first performance is a matinee of Romeo and Juliet at 2:00 p.m. We’ll have dinner and then attend the musical Something Rotten! at 8:00 p.m., followed by a post-show chat. We then return to our hotel for a good night’s sleep. (B, D)

Thursday, June 27
Stratford
This morning, we’ll have breakfast followed by a discussion led by Debra and Gary about the shows we saw yesterday. Then half of our group will enjoy a Festival Treasures Tour of the warehouse and archives at 11:00 a.m. while the other half has time at leisure to explore Stratford. At 2:00 p.m., we’ll see a matinee performance of Wendy and Peter Pan. Enjoy a group dinner before the next play, Twelfth Night, followed by another post-show chat. (B, D)

Friday, June 28
Stratford > Return to Grand Rapids
Our last day in Stratford starts with breakfast and another group discussion of the plays. The rest of the morning is free for sightseeing, shopping, and an independent lunch. At 2:00 p.m., we’ll attend our last performance, a matinee of Cymbeline. Then we’ll begin our journey home, stopping for dinner and a rest break along the way. (B, D)

SEPTEMBER 2024

Monday, September 16
Departure from Grand Rapids
We’ll meet at Calvin University’s Prince Conference Center and board a motorcoach for the drive to Stratford, Ontario. Along the way, we’ll stop for Customs as well as a brief break, and arrive in Stratford around 3:00 p.m. We’ll take an orientation tour of the theatre locations by bus and enjoy refreshments of afternoon tea and scones, followed by hotel check-in and a chance to freshen up. This evening, we’ll have a welcome dinner, followed by a talk from Debra or Gary. (D)

Tuesday, September 17
Stratford
After meeting for breakfast and some leisure time, half of our group will enjoy a Festival Treasures Tour of the warehouse and archives at 11:00 a.m. while the other half has time at leisure to explore Stratford. We’ll have time for an independent lunch and then the festival begins! Our first performance is a matinee of Romeo and Juliet at 2:00 p.m. We’ll have dinner and then attend Hedda Gabler at 8:00 p.m., followed by a post-show chat. We then return to our hotel for a good night’s sleep. (B, D)

Wednesday, September 18
Stratford
This morning, we’ll have breakfast followed by a discussion led by Debra and Gary about the shows we saw yesterday. Then we’ll attend a “Meet the Festival” event at 9:30 a.m., which is part of Scholars & Experts Week. The rest of the morning is free for sightseeing, shopping, and an independent lunch. At 2:00 p.m., we’ll see a matinee performance of the musical Something Rotten! Enjoy a group dinner before the next play, Twelfth Night, followed by another post-show chat. (B, D)

Thursday, September 19
Stratford > Return to Grand Rapids
Our last day in Stratford starts with breakfast and another group discussion of the plays. Then half of our group will enjoy a Festival Treasures Tour of the warehouse and archives at 11:00 a.m. while the other half has time at leisure to explore Stratford. At 2:00 p.m., we’ll attend our last performance, a matinee of London Assurance. Then we’ll begin our journey home, stopping for dinner and a rest break along the way. (B, D)

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**PLANNED PERFORMANCES**

**Romeo and Juliet**
When two young star-crossed lovers lock eyes across a crowded dance floor, their fate—and the fate of two rival families, the Capulets and Montagues—is sealed. The most celebrated romance of all time, *Romeo and Juliet* is a cautionary tale, timeless in its warning against insatiable revenge, blind hatred, and familial pride.

**Something Rotten!**
The Bottom brothers, two struggling playwrights in Renaissance London, need a hit. That’s easier said than done when your chief competition is William Shakespeare. The Bottom brothers’ plan: write the world’s first musical! This is a rollicking song-and-dance extravaganza that sends up the Bard and Broadway and everything in between.

**Twelfth Night**
In Shakespeare’s celebrated romantic comedy, Viola finds herself shipwrecked on the island of Illyria. For protection, she disguises herself as a young man, Cesario, and enters the service of Duke Orsino to deliver love letters to Countess Olivia. Drama arises in a tangle of mistaken identities and passions, with Olivia falling for Cesario, whose heart belongs to Orsino, who is still smitten with Olivia. When Viola’s twin brother appears, complications peak!

**Wendy and Peter Pan (only in June)**
Ella Hickson's smash adaptation of J.M. Barrie's beloved *Peter Pan* puts Wendy center stage in a reimagined journey to Neverland, home of Hook and the Lost Boys. Join Wendy Darling, Peter Pan and all your favorite characters in this thoroughly modern adventure that delivers the same unforgettable thrills, spills, and fairy dust of the original tale.

**Cymbeline (only in June)**
Forbidden love. Familial strife. Political intrigue. In *Cymbeline*, the final play from Shakespeare's First Folio, the playwright fuses romance, comedy, and tragedy to create a unique fantasia brimming with mistaken identities and gender-swapping disguises. Set in an ancient British kingdom, the story introduces Imogen, one of Shakespeare's most beloved heroines, as well as the dastardly Iachimo, a worthy contender for all-time greatest villain.

**Hedda Gabler (only in September)**
The honeymoon is barely over and the mercurial Hedda Gabler is already bored with her husband and the respectable life he represents. When new people with old ties to the couple arrive on the scene, she seizes the chance to challenge what society would have her accept as “happiness,” instead asserting her powerful will and wreaking havoc on everyone in her reach. Henrik Ibsen's masterwork shocked late-19th-century audiences with its complex portrait of female identity and independence.

**London Assurance (only in September)**
Sir Harcourt Courtly, an over-the-hill London fop, arrives at Oak Hall to claim his wealthy and scandalously young bride. But Courtly’s plan for a get-rich-quick weekend in the country is scuttled by the arrival of his dissolute son, Charles, disguised as “Augustus Hamilton” and the witty Lady Gay Spanker. Celebrated as one of the great British stage comedies, *London Assurance* is a brilliant precursor to the works of Oscar Wilde and George Bernard Shaw.
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Garden City, New York

Thursday, May 14, 2023

To: [Recipient's Name]

Subject: Health Documentation Requirements

Dear [Recipient's Name],

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to remind you of the importance of obtaining the necessary health documentation for your upcoming travel to Garden City, New York. As you know, it is essential to have all required immunizations and vaccination certificates before leaving for your destination.

Please ensure that you have the following documents ready:

1. **Health Certificate:** You need to obtain a health certificate from your doctor confirming that you have received all necessary vaccinations. This certificate should indicate the dates and types of vaccinations you have received.
2. **Vaccination Records:** Keep copies of your vaccination records handy, especially if you need to present them upon arrival in Garden City, New York. These records will serve as proof of your immunization status.
3. **Passport:** Make sure your passport is up-to-date and valid for at least six months beyond your intended return date. If your passport is due to expire soon, consider renewing it to avoid any delays.

If you have any questions or need assistance with obtaining these documents, please don’t hesitate to contact me. I am here to support you throughout the process.

Best regards,

[Your Name]

P.S. If you have any specific medical conditions or require special health accommodations, it’s important to communicate with your doctor and the travel service provider well in advance to ensure a smooth and comfortable journey.

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**Health Certificate**

- [ ] A complete list of all vaccinations received, including dates and types.
- [ ] Signed by your doctor or a qualified healthcare provider.

**Vaccination Records**

- [ ] Copies of vaccination records from your doctor or healthcare provider.
- [ ] Ready to present upon arrival in Garden City, New York.

**Passport**

- [ ] Valid for at least six months beyond your return date.
- [ ] Updated if due to expire soon.

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If you have any other questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact me. I am here to help you every step of the way.

[Your Contact Information]

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By providing this information, you are confirming that you have reviewed and agree to the health documentation requirements.

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For travel purposes, please enter the gender that matches your passport, even if your passport is not how you refer to yourself at this time. Passports use (M) Male, (F) Female, or (X) another gender identity.

☐ M  ☐ F  ☐ X  Birthdate mm_____ / dd_____ / yyyy_______  Citizenship: ☐ U.S.  ☐ Other ____________________________

Home  ☐ Work  ☐ Cell

E-mail _____________________________________________

Identification Status:  ☐ Passport Book  ☐ Passport Card  ☐ Enhanced Driver’s License (NOT the same as a Real ID)

Number ___________________  Expiration Date ___________________
(MM / DD / YY)

Dietary Needs:
☐ Vegan  ☐ Low Sodium  ☐ Vegetarian  ☐ Diabetic  ☐ Gluten free  ☐ Other _____________________________

Food allergies: __________________________________________

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Hearing Assistance:
☐ I am requesting a hearing-assistance device for the shows (subject to confirmation due to limited availability).

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☐ M  ☐ F  ☐ X  Birthdate mm_____ / dd_____ / yyyy_______  Citizenship: ☐ U.S.  ☐ Other ____________________________

Home  ☐ Work  ☐ Cell

E-mail _____________________________________________

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Grand Rapids, MI 49512

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Name of Passenger(s):
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Routing Number ________________________________________________
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Credit card number ____________________________________________ Expiration date ________________ Security code ________________
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Billing address of credit card (if other than on application):
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Balance due approximately 30 days prior to departure