



**Shady Shakespeare Theatre Company  
Media Release**

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**Enjoy Magical Nights of Shakespeare Under the Stars This Summer**

*Shady Shakespeare Theatre Company presents Henry V  
and A Midsummer Night's Dream in a delightful forest setting*

June 1, 2011 — Shakespeare under the stars returns to Saratoga this summer as the Shady Shakespeare Theatre Company presents *Henry V* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The plays will be performed in repertory from July 29 to September 4 at Sanborn-Skyline County Park.

*Henry V* is Shakespeare's compelling account of the young king's early days on the throne of England. The French, having heard about Prince Hal's decadent lifestyle, have seized English lands in Normandy and sent the new king a box of tennis balls to pass his time. Little do they realize that the former prince has set aside his profligate ways and become a no-nonsense monarch. Despite overwhelming military odds, he leads his troops into France to retake the stolen lands. The confrontation culminates at Agincourt, where two great nations contend on a muddy field in a battle whose outcome will galvanize a nation. But *Henry V* is not all war and treachery; lighthearted moments are provided by some of the king's soldiers and his own tongue-tied attempts to woo the French princess. Directed by Shady Shakespeare's Artistic Director Larry Barrott, *Henry V* opens on July 29.

Starting August 5, see *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in a perfect setting: among the redwoods under a blanket of stars. Director Dinna Myers takes you on a journey to ancient Greece, where gods and fairies reign supreme. In Athens, the weather has grown inconstant—and so has the path of true love. A daughter rebelling against an arranged marriage flees into the forest, where humans and fairies alike get caught up by jealousies, mistaken identities, and magic potions. Add some earnest but inept rustics trying to put on a play for the court, and you've got Shakespeare's best-loved comedy. Join us for an imaginative and colorful take on the fantasy world of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.



All performances start at 7:00 p.m. on the outdoor stage at Sanborn-Skyline County Park. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$15 for premium seating. Youth 17 and under are free with an adult. Parking is \$6.00 per vehicle.

For more information about the Shady Shakespeare Theatre Company and its 2011 summer season, please visit our web site at [www.shadyshakes.org](http://www.shadyshakes.org), email [info@shadyshakes.org](mailto:info@shadyshakes.org), or call xxx-xxx-xxxx.

### Show information

Shady Shakespeare Theatre Company's Shakespeare in the Park 2011  
Thursday through Sunday evenings from July 29 to September 4

*Henry V*: July 29, 30, July 31; August 13, 14, 18, 19, 27, 28; September 1, 2

*A Midsummer Night's Dream*: August 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 20, 21, 25, 26; September 3, 4

All performances start at 7:00 p.m.

Location: The amphitheater at Sanborn-Skyline County Park, 16055 Sanborn Road, Saratoga, California

Admission: \$10 general admission; \$15 premium seating; \$2.00 online ticketing service fee. Youth 17 and under are free if accompanied by an adult. Up to six children may attend free with the purchase of each adult ticket.

Parking: There is ample parking space. Entrance to Sanborn-Skyline County Park is \$6.00 per vehicle.

Seating: Seating is provided. There is also room for blankets and low-backed chairs.

Clothing: Theatergoers are encouraged to dress in layers and bring blankets to stay comfortable as the temperature changes.

Food: Snacks, wine, and both hot and cold beverages are available at the concession stand. Picnickers are also welcome.

### About Shady Shakespeare

Shady Shakespeare Theatre Company (SSTC) has been dedicated to providing public performances of William Shakespeare's works to communities of the Peninsula and South Bay since 1999. SSTC believes in the power of Shakespeare and other classic authors to speak to modern audiences, and strives to create productions that are as enjoyable, moving, enlightening, and accessible today as they were when the plays were written. SSTC performs its summer season at Sanborn-Skyline County Park in Saratoga, Calif. Headquartered in Santa Clara, SSTC is affiliated with Theatre Bay Area and the San Jose Chamber of Commerce.

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