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## Two River Theater seeks student actors, directors, crew

Auditions set for popular A Little Shakespeare program



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[Two River Theater](#) is offering students the chance to take part in its popular "A Little Shakespeare" program.

The Red Bank theater announced that auditions for "A Little Shakespeare: The Merry Wives of Windsor," will take place on Nov. 16 and 18. It also is searching for high schoolers to serve as stage managers, designers and crew members.

A Little Shakespeare, part of the National Endowment for the Arts and Arts Midwest's Shakespeare in American Communities program, aims to introduce young people to the works of William Shakespeare.

Since 2014, Two River Theater has produced a 75-minute abridged version of a Shakespearean work each season. This year's play, adapted and directed by Nicole A. Watson, complements the three-person performance of "Merry Wives of Windsor" produced in the Marion Huber Theater under the direction of Eric Tucker.

A Little Shakespeare includes eight performances, including four student matinees geared toward ages 9 and up. Each student matinee includes an in-school pre-show workshop and a talkback with student actors after the show.

Auditions are followed by three months of rehearsals, including script analysis, blocking and character development. Students should prepare a memorized Shakespeare monologue, two minutes or less, either in prose or verse. Auditions will be held by appointment only at Two River Theater on Nov. 16 and 18. To schedule an audition, students in grades 9 to 12 should contact education assistant Amanda Espinoza at [aespinoza@trtc.org](mailto:aespinoza@trtc.org) or 732-936-8804, and include your full name, school and cellphone number.

Students interested in serving as an assistant stage manager, assistant director or assistant designer, or on the production's run crew, are asked to email Kate Cordaro, director of education, at [kate@trtc.org](mailto:kate@trtc.org), and include information about their background.

"A Little Shakespeare: The Merry Wives of Windsor" runs from March 7-12, 2017, on the stage of Two River's Rechnitz Theater. For more information, visit [tworivertheater.org/education/edu2.php](http://tworivertheater.org/education/edu2.php).

For more information on "The Merry Wives of Windsor" mainstage production, which runs from Feb. 25 to March 26, visit [tworivertheater.org](http://tworivertheater.org).

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