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**ALL-FEMALE CAST OF LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TAKE ON THE BARD AT TWO RIVER THEATER IN PROFESSIONALLY PRODUCED 70-MINUTE VERSION OF  
A LITTLE SHAKESPEARE: *PERICLES***

*Red Bank, NJ* - Now in its third season, ***A Little Shakespeare*** is back to engage young audiences with the work of the Bard. Since Two River Theater is producing *Pericles* in April 2016 as part of its subscription season, ***A Little Shakespeare*** takes on the same play in 70 minutes, performed by local high school students, in the Marion Huber Theater. Adapted, directed, and designed by theater professionals, this education program also boasts a teenaged crew behind the scenes.

Kate Cordaro, Two River's Director of Education says, "The cast of 'Little Shakes' has grown so much over the past two months. It takes bravery to tackle this beast of a play and our innovative director, Jason McDowell-Green, has challenged them to really find the truth in each moment. I am incredibly proud of the work that the whole team has done and we are thrilled to share it with an audience."

When *Pericles* uncovers the King's dark secret, he is forced to flee his Kingdom and navigate the roaring seas. An all-female, ensemble cast of high school students will perform Shakespeare's thrilling and epic tale of adventure, shipwreck, and romance, for audiences ages 9 and up.

Adapted from William Shakespeare's play and directed by Jason McDowell-Green. Cast includes: Christianah Akinsanmi (Howell High School/FPAC), Kaylee DeFreitas (Howell High School/FPAC), Sophia Jackman (Ranney School), Cristina Medlin (Colts Neck High School), Emma Mueller (Biotechnology High School), Dixie O'Connell (Red Bank Regional High School VPA), Christina Ruivivar (Howell High School/FPAC), and Isabel Wallace (Biotechnology High School).

**For performances dates visit [tworivertheater.org](http://tworivertheater.org)**

**Tickets:** \$20 for Adults & \$15 for Children 12 and Under

**Student Matinees:** \$10 per ticket on December 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 or 11 at 10:30am.

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**Two River Theater**, under the leadership of Artistic Director John Dias and Managing Director Michael Hurst, creates great American theater performed by award-winning artists. We produce American and world masterpieces, and new plays and musicals. Two River Theater offers new-play commissions and artistic development activities that support the most adventurous artists in the American theater; invites its audience to be part of the creative process through readings and open rehearsals; and cultivates students and young people to participate in innovative arts-education programs and become a new generation of theatergoers. Founded in 1994 by Joan and Dr. Robert M. Rechnitz, Two River Theater is easily accessible by car, train, or bus, with great restaurants and shopping within walking distance of the theater. For more information, visit [tworivertheater.org](http://tworivertheater.org) or call 732.345.1400.