

(CRISFIELD, MD): On Sunday, September 16th, Brown Box Theatre Project will transform Crisfield's J. Millard Tawes Museum into the Forest of Arden in its eighth annual Free Outdoor Shakespeare tour of *As You Like It*. When a motley cast of characters finds themselves banished from the court, misdirection, desire, and serendipity unite to form a tangled web of identity and love that could only be possible in this pastoral haven, where gender roles, politics, and expectations are turned upside-down. Performed under the stars in idyllic outdoor venues, *As You Like It* will transport audiences into the heart of one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies in a can't-miss multi-state tour.

Brown Box's annual tradition will continue the company's mission of delivering professional, impactful theatre directly to communities in an ongoing effort to transform the way theatre is created and consumed. "As we expand our reach on Delmarva, Brown Box continues our efforts to be a regular and reliable source of professional performing arts to communities whose access to theatre is limited by geography or cost," explains Artistic Director Kyler Taustin.

In keeping with the Brown Box touring model, *As You Like It* will reinforce the company's community connections and partnerships throughout the Peninsula, marking a significant victory for accessible theatre and creative spaces. Following their tour of Massachusetts, the production will travel throughout Delmarva, transforming green spaces from Wilmington to Exmore, Ocean City to Chesapeake City and transporting local audiences into one of Shakespeare's finest comedies.

As You Like It explores the ideas of liberation and self-empowerment in a politically uncertain time. With her father, the Duke, overthrown, Rosalind is captive to a tyrant relative, restricted and bound by imposed judgment and expectation, and discontent with her circumstances. In this tale of female empowerment, Rosalind takes the necessary action to see her own banishment as liberation, and navigates nature, family, and love even in the most challenging of times. **All *As You Like It* performances are free, outdoors, and open to all audiences.**

ABOUT THE COMPANY: Brown Box Theatre Project's mission is to bring high-quality theatre to communities that otherwise lack access to the performing arts. The constant goal in all their programming is to bring down barriers that separate potential audiences from live theatre and to introduce the performing arts to the widest audience possible.



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8th Annual Free Shakespeare

AS YOU LIKE IT

Brown Box Theatre Project

Directed by Kyler Taustin

FEATURING:

Margaret Clark as Rosalind

Austyn Davis as Celia

Drew Cleveland as Orlando

Jesse Garlick as Jaques

James Wechsler as Touchstone

Ben Heath as Oliver

Lizzie Milanovich as Phebe

MacMillan Leslie as Silvius

Spencer Parli Tew as Duke Senior

Adrian Peguero as Duke Ferdinand

Chris Kandra as Corin

Khyati Sehgal as Amiens

Produced by Alex Lonati and Ashley Cabral

Stage Managed by Angela Harrington

Production Managed by Cassandra West

Scenic and Properties Design by Abby Shenker

Lighting Design by Connor O'Brien

Costume Design by Chelsea Kerl

Sound Design by Ryan Blaney

Technical Direction by Derek Epstein

Fight Choreography by Ben Heath

PERFORMANCE LOCATIONS AND TIME:

Thursday, August 30 - **Freeman Stage** | 31750 Lake View Dr, Selbyville, DE*

**This performance begins at 7:00 p.m.*

Friday, August 31 - **Sturgis Park** | 100 River Street, Snow Hill, MD

Saturday, September 1 - **Main Street** | Corner of Main Street and Pitts Street, Berlin, MD

Sunday, September 2 - **Robert Reed Waterfront Park** | Chincoteague Island, VA

Wednesday, September 5 - **Cypress Park** | Pocomoke City, MD

Thursday, September 6 – **Holts Landing Park** | 39415 Inlet Rd, Melville, DE

Friday, September 7 – **The Milton Historical Society** | 110 Union Street, Milton, DE

Saturday, September 8 - **Pell Gardens** | 20 Bohemia Ave, Chesapeake City, MD

Sunday, September 9 - **Sunset Park** | S Philadelphia Avenue, Ocean City, MD

Wednesday, September 12 - **Teackle Mansion** | 11736 Mansion Street, Princess Anne, MD

Thursday, September 13 – **Rockford Tower** | 2000 Lookout Dr, Wilmington, DE

Friday, September 14 - **The Green** | Dover, DE

Saturday, September 15 - **Muskrat Park** | 207 Willow Green Street, St. Michaels, MD

Sunday, September 16 – **J. Millard Tawes Museum** | 3 9th St, Crisfield, MD

Thursday, September 20 - **Northside Park** | 200 125th Street, Ocean City, MD

Friday, September 21 - **Exmore Town Park** | 3386 Main Street, Exmore, VA

Saturday, September 22 - **Lewes Public Library** | 111 Adams Avenue, Lewes, DE

Sunday, September 23 - **Pemberton Hall** | 5561 Plantation Lane, Salisbury, MD

All performances begin at 7:30pm.

All performances are FREE and open to all audiences. No reservations required.

***As You Like It* will be performed outdoors and seating is on the lawn. For your comfort, feel free to bring a blanket or lawn chair. For rain locations and more information, please visit www.brownboxtheatre.org.**

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Brown Box Theatre Project escapes into the Forest of Arden for its eighth year of Free Outdoor Shakespeare with *As You Like It*.