



Welcome to **ADVENTURE SHAKESPEARE!**

Adventure Shakespeare is a thrilling 12-week afterschool enrichment program that brings the magic of the Bard to life for students. Through a lively blend of performance, visual art, and collaboration, students step into Shakespeare's world—learning to speak the language, embody the characters, and tell timeless stories with confidence and flair. This program makes Shakespeare fun, accessible, and meaningful, inviting young people to discover their voice and creativity both onstage and off.

Throughout the course, students work together to rehearse and perform a real Shakespeare play, adapted to be engaging and age-appropriate. Along the way, they master the art of storytelling through expressive speech and movement, learn basic choreography and safe stage combat, and build public speaking skills that foster stage presence and poise. The ensemble-based structure nurtures teamwork, while hands-on activities in costume, prop, and set design ignite artistic expression.

Each session is packed with opportunities for students to grow in confidence, develop their imagination, and connect with their peers. From sword fights and soliloquies to painting props and crafting costumes, every element of the program is designed to inspire joy, collaboration, and self-discovery. The experience culminates in a full-scale production of an abridged version of the selected play for the school, families, and the extended community—an unforgettable celebration of the students' hard work, talent, and creative courage.



At **Adventure Shakespeare**, creativity, teamwork, and theater come together to create a one-of-a-kind experience. Our flexible scheduling allows us to align with your school's calendar, and we partner closely with your team to ensure a smooth and impactful experience for students and staff alike.

We're happy to offer a free workshop at your school!

Just give us a call to schedule it—we'll bring the energy, creativity, and Shakespearean flair so your students can experience the joy of theater firsthand. It's a great way to see how our program can inspire confidence, collaboration, and curiosity in your students.

WHAT ADVENTURE SHAKESPEARE PROVIDES

Program Initiation

- Artistic Directors and Program Administrators meet with the school administrator and Liaison Teacher in late summer to select the play and review the program timeline.

Adaptation of Text

- Each student receives an edited script, abridged to approximately 45 minutes. The script preserves original themes and Elizabethan language, but is adapted to suit students' grade.

Workshops & Rehearsals

- Twelve weeks of twice-weekly sessions (September through November), including workshops, auditions, and rehearsals (schedule is flexible).
- Guest Teaching Artists are arranged for specialty sessions (e.g., set design).

Production Assets

- Costumes, music, sets, and props are provided. These elements are designed, built, and performed by **Adventure Shakespeare** students under the guidance of **Adventure Shakespeare** Artistic Directors and/or Guest Artists.
- Lighting and sound equipment will be provided if the school's facilities are unavailable. Typically, we collaborate with schools to utilize their existing lighting and sound systems.
- Full technical setup, execution, and strike included.

Final Presentation

- Two school-day performances for classmates and staff, plus one evening performance for families.

**WHAT THE SCHOOL PROVIDES****Principal Support**

- Provide program funding.
- Embrace the identity of the school as a producing entity.
- Select a Liaison Teacher or Parent Volunteer.
- Designate a dedicated rehearsal space twice a week (ideally an auditorium).
- Provide internet access.
- 10–25 participating students.
- Promote participation and a love of theater.

Liaison Teacher Support

- Collect parental consent forms.
- Attend workshops.
- Monitor attendance and discipline.
- Act as liaison with school staff, families, and teaching artists.
- Offer administrative help (e.g., copies, materials, snacks).

Custodial Support

- Ensure rehearsal space is ready before each session.
- Provide secure storage for props and costumes.
- Assist with seating, backdrop setup, and general tasks during tech/production week.

Parent Community Support

- Support student script reading at home.
- Encourage attendance and participation.
- Volunteer where possible (e.g., hair and makeup).

PROGRAM COSTS TO SCHOOL

- \$6,000.00 — Stipend for two Artistic Directors, program administration, and production materials.
- TBD — Stipend for participating Liaison Teacher and/or Parent Volunteer, if needed.



OUR STAFF

Mary Elizabeth Caverly-Artistic Director A seasoned Shakespeare instructor with eight years of experience teaching elementary and middle school students. As a multi-talented artist with a background in theater, dance, and fine art, she brings an immersive and creative approach to Shakespearean education.

Ned Mochel -Artistic Director A professional actor and fight choreographer with extensive experience working with kids in theater. With years of teaching Shakespeare, he combines his expertise in performance, stage movement, and storytelling to help students gain confidence and a deeper appreciation for the Bard's work.

Patricia (Trish) Doktor - Director of Development A lifelong artist, illustrator, and educator who has founded arts programs for K–5 students, developed curriculum and branding for several nonprofits, and continues to empower young learners through coaching, creative instruction, and nonprofit fundraising.

OUR MISSION

Adventure Shakespeare's mission is to ignite creativity, confidence, and collaboration in young people through immersive, arts-integrated theater experiences. By bringing Shakespeare's timeless stories to life with performance, design, and play, we empower

students to discover their voices, express themselves boldly, and shine—onstage and beyond.

Join Us for an Unforgettable Adventure!

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