

From the community: Shakespeare comes to Brushwood Center: A performance in the woods with Citadel Theatre

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LAKE COUNTY, IL - Shakespeare aficionados and neophytes alike can relax among the lush vegetation and sound of crickets at Ryerson Woods in Riverwoods, IL on August 1, 2 and 3 when Citadel Theatre performs "A Midsummer Night's Dream" outdoors.

"The hour-long performance is perfect for those who already know and love Shakespeare as well as those who want to enjoy theater in a beautiful setting," said Heather Meyers, the show's production manager. "It's a great introduction to Shakespeare, and we're making it accessible to a modern audience."

All the audience needs is a blanket or lawn chair, and a picnic if they like, as they watch a fully costumed production of Shakespeare's bewitching tale of fairies, enchanted forests, and of course, lost lovers.

"The show has a little bit of everything: comedy, love and romance, mistaken identity, chase scenes, the magic of the fairies. It will be fun to watch," said Meyers.

Sophie Twichell, Executive Director of Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods, said she encourages families to attend. "Because it's only an hour long, and because of all the fun characters in the play, it is a wonderful introduction to magic of theater," said Twichell. "Attendees will revel in the outdoor experience, which ends just before sunset."

Brushwood Center, along with the Lake County Forest Preserves, is partnering with Citadel Theatre (based in Lake Forest) for the first time to present outdoor theater at Ryerson Woods.

"This is our first outdoor Shakespeare theater ever, and we're happy to be doing it at Ryerson Woods," Meyers said. Meyers said the actors are being directed by one of the best: Frank Farrell, a Chicago director and actor.

"Bringing Shakespeare to Brushwood Center furthers our mission of nurturing art, nature and discovery," Twichell said. "We are thrilled to be partnering with a theater company based right here in Lake County."

Tickets are available for three shows beginning at 6:30 p.m., August 1, 2 and 3. Pre-registration is recommended. Registration deadline is July 31. In the case of inclement weather, the production will be held indoors, with limited seating available.

For more information and to obtain tickets, call 847.968.3321 or visit www.brushwoodcenter.org. Brushwood Center is located at: 21850 N. Riverwoods Rd., Riverwoods, IL 60015.

About Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods

Through innovative arts programs presented against a backdrop of stately woods where pre-settlement flora and fauna still linger, Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods seeks to build an environmental ethic in our region by

offering multiple points of entry for the public to connect with nature. Brushwood Center is a nonprofit organization.

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