



# Shakespeare Alfresco!

Experience the magic of live performance in two of Queensland's most stunning locations at the University of Southern Queensland's eighth annual Shakespeare in the Park Festival.

Picturesque Queens Park will once again provide the spectacular backdrop for the Toowoomba season, followed by a two-day tour to Fraser Coast where audiences will welcome the Bard to balmy Seafrost Oval in Hervey Bay.

Our 2011 season offers an exciting mix of cultural experiences for a range of audiences including an international Shakespearean conference; a schools' spectacular; workshops for secondary school students; and an unforgettable production of Shakespeare's beloved comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Since its inception in 2004, the Festival has presented seasons of *Twelfth Night* (2010), *The Tempest* (2009), *Romeo & Juliet* (2008), *Macbeth* (2007), *The Comedy of Errors* (2006), *Taming of the Shrew* (2005) and *Hamlet* (2004).

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TOOWOOMBA \* FRASER COAST  
October 2011



The Chronicle presents

# To Glee or Not to Glee

An exciting new school event in the Festival's Toowoomba program.

Secondary schools from across the Darling Downs have been invited to enter a song and dance based on themes drawn from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*:

*The course of true love never did run smooth*  
(Act I, Scene I)

*I have had a dream*  
(Act IV, Scene I)

*Ill met by moonlight*  
(Act II, Scene I)

The inaugural *To Glee or Not to Glee* will be presented in a one-night extravaganza to the public and will be a sensational showcase of young performers from across the region.



Date: **Wednesday 12 October**  
Time: **6.30pm** (gates open 5.30pm)  
Venue: **Queens Park TOOWOOMBA**  
Cost: \$5 - at the gate on the night



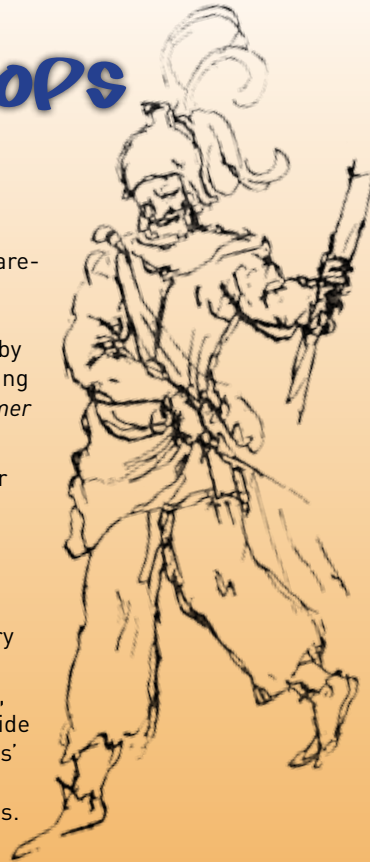
# FRASER COAST SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

An afternoon of Shakespeare-based learning activities especially for secondary school students, followed by a light dinner and an evening performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

These workshops will offer participants a physical exploration of the world of Shakespeare's *Dream*.

With a focus on exploring the text, characters, history and the staging of this bewildered lovers' quarrel, these workshops will provide a great addition to students' critical examination of Shakespeare and his works.

There will be a variety of hour-long workshops to choose from; each offering inside knowledge from people involved in the production itself.



Date: **Friday 21 October**

Time: **4.00 for 4.30pm**

Venue: **Seafront Oval  
HERVEY BAY**

Cost: \$15 per student\*

Book: 07 4631 1111 or [boxoffice@usq.edu.au](mailto:boxoffice@usq.edu.au)

\*includes workshop, light dinner and show

# A Midsummer Night's Dream

*Lysander loves Hermia and Hermia loves Lysander.  
Helena loves Demetrius; Demetrius used to love Helena  
but now loves Hermia.*

The four young lovers take flight into the forest only to find themselves tangled into a quarrel between the King and Queen of the Faerie.

A fantastically funny mix of lamenting lovers, a mischievous sprite, feuding fairies, a wayward love potion and an unsuspecting troupe of amateur actors.

Featuring a talented troupe of young actors including final-year USQ Creative Arts students together with USQ Alumni, stunning costumes and the idyllic backdrop of a star-lit park, this production promises a magical night of merriment, mayhem and madness.

Pack a picnic, bring a blanket (or chair) and settle in for the unforgettable thrill of theatre under the stars.

**TRAVEL/ACCOMMODATION  
PACKAGES AVAILABLE**  
visit Festival website

Date: **7-9 & 13-15 October**

Time: **6.30pm** (gates open 5.30pm)

Venue: **Queens Park  
TOOWOOMBA**

Cost: \$35 A • \$28 Conc • \$12.50 Child  
\$20 Student • \$80.50 Family  
\$25 Group 10+

Book: 1300 655 299  
or [www.empiretheatre.com.au](http://www.empiretheatre.com.au)

TICKETING  
EMPIRE THEATRES

Date: **21 & 22 October**

Time: **6.30pm** (gates open 5.30pm)

Venue: **Seafront Oval  
HERVEY BAY**

Cost: \$26.50 Adult • \$21 Concession  
\$10.50 Child • \$17 Student  
\$68.50 Family • \$19 Group 10+

Book: (07) 4122 6060  
or [www.brolgatheatre.org](http://www.brolgatheatre.org)

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Director • **Scott Alderdice**  
Designer • **Carolyn Taylor-Smith**



# Shakespearean Reverie Symposium



2011 will see the introduction of an academic symposium to the Festival.

To tie-in with the mainstage season of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, the symposium will appropriately reflect on the theme of 'reverie' in Shakespeare's theatre.

Confirmed **international keynote speakers** are:



**Mary Floyd-Wilson** (North Carolina) – author of *English Ethnicity and Race in Early Modern Drama* and member of the Academy of Distinguished Teaching Scholars, University of North Carolina



**Paul Yachnin** (McGill) – former President of the Shakespeare Association of America and author of *The Culture of Playgoing in Shakespeare's England: A Collaborative Debate* (with Anthony Dawson) and *Stage-wrights: Shakespeare, Jonson, Middleton and the Making of Theatrical Value*.

A series of teaching workshops will also be included in the symposium schedule. Enquiries from teachers regarding professional development are particularly welcome.

**Registrations open on 1 August**

Date: **6-8 October**

Venue: **Cobb & Co Museum  
TOOWOOMBA**

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