

Shakespeare's Birthday Celebration

Schedule of Activities

12:00pm - "In the Garden With Shakespeare" - Midsummer 2.1

12:15pm - "In the Garden With Shakespeare" - As You Like It 3.5

12:30pm - "As Ragged as Lazarus: 'Tis the soldier's life" - From Henry V to Hamlet, war and conflict permeates Shakespeare's work. Come see the weaponry of the 16th century and learn about the real lives behind the prose- **Back Lawn**

12:45pm - "In the Garden With Shakespeare" - Romeo & Juliet 1.5

1:00pm - RVA Baroque Music Performance - Join RVA Baroque musicians Katharine Tibbets (voice and recorder) and Kelsey Schilling (recorder, dulcian, pipe & tabor) for music from Shakespeare's plays. You'll hear singing, Renaissance recorders, dulcian, and more, including favorites like "O Willow" and "O Mistress Mine" - **Outer Courtyard**

1:15pm - "In the Garden With Shakespeare" - As You Like It 1.2

1:30pm - Telling Tales of Shakespeare - Story Time for Kids - Gather to hear and act out child-appropriate versions of Shakespeare's tales - **Inner Courtyard**

1:45pm - "In the Garden With Shakespeare" - Much Ado 2.3

2:00pm - RVA Baroque Music Performance - **Outer Courtyard**

2:00pm - "As Ragged as Lazarus: 'Tis the soldier's life" - **Back Lawn**

2:15pm - "In the Garden With Shakespeare" - As You Like It 3.2

2:30pm - "Thou Lily-Liver'd Boy" Shakespearean Insults - Shakespeare's insults still burn! We're holding a competition to see who can come up with memorable barbs, using words from Shakespeare's time - **Outer Courtyard**

2:45pm - "In the Garden With Shakespeare" Much Ado 3.1

3:00pm - RVA Baroque Music Performance - **Outer Courtyard**

3:15pm - "As Ragged as Lazarus: 'Tis the soldier's life" - **Back Lawn**

3:30pm - "In the Garden With Shakespeare" Midsummer 5.1

3:45pm - "Thou Lily-Liver'd Boy" Shakespearean Insults - **Outer Courtyard**

4:00pm - Telling Tales of Shakespeare - Story Time for Kids - **Inner Courtyard**

4:15pm - "Thou Lily-Liver'd Boy" Shakespearean Insults - **Outer Courtyard**

4:30pm - Sing *Happy Birthday* to the Bard!! **Outer Courtyard**



In the Garden With Shakespeare

Led by VCU Professor Karen Kopryanski and Faculty Advisor Katie Holland, Theatre VCU presents
In the Garden with Shakespeare.

Robin Goodfellow (Puck):
Katherine Nguyen

Inner Courtyard

A Midsummer Night's Dream Act 2, Scene 1:
Robin Goodfellow, a hobgoblin who also goes by the name Puck, welcomes you to the gardens. Keep an eye out for Puck masquerading as other characters!

Silvius: Michael Maybery
Phebe: Eliana Miller

Courtyard

As You Like It Act 3, Scene 5:
"Ganymede" (Rosalind in disguise) has intervened to try to help Silvius prevail over Phoebe and win her love. Instead, Phoebe falls in love with "Ganymede."

Romeo: Aidan Campbell
Juliet: Molly Marsh
Banqueting House

Romeo and Juliet Act 1, Scene 5:
Romeo, watching the dance, is caught by the beauty of Juliet. They meet and fall in love.

Charles: Toby O'Brien
Orlando: Hunter Keck
Overlook

As You Like It Act 1, Scene 2 (the wrestling scene)
Orlando wins the wrestling match and, at the same time, wins the heart of Rosalind.

Benedick: Eli Wilcox
Claudio: Talon Bleacher
Prince: Toby O'Brien
Beatrice: Marya Brice

Sunken Garden

Much Ado About Nothing Act 2, Scene 3:
We meet Beatrice, and then Benedick, who each mock the idea of falling in love. After, Claudio and Don Pedro stage a conversation for Benedick to overhear. They talk about Beatrice's desperate love for Benedick, about their fears that her suffering will destroy her, and about how Benedick would mock Beatrice if he knew of her love. Benedick decides that he must love Beatrice in return.

Celia: Jada Paul
Rosalind: Scarlett Hurst

Knot Garden

As You Like It Act 3, Scene 2:
Orlando hangs poems in praise of Rosalind on trees in the forest, where Rosalind and Celia find them.

Hero: Evie Cameron
Puck (Disguised as Ursula):
Katherine Nguyen
Beatrice: Marya Brice

Sunken Garden

Much Ado About Nothing Act 3, Scene 1:
Beatrice is lured into overhearing a staged conversation between Hero and Ursula, a waiting gentlewoman, who talk about Benedick's desperate love for Beatrice and about Beatrice's arrogance. Beatrice decides that she must return Benedick's love.

Puck: Katherine Nguyen
Inner Courtyard

Midsummer Night's Dream Act 5 Scene 1:
Puck returns to bid you farewell.

** Scene descriptions from the Folger Shakespeare Library's Digital Texts:
<https://www.folger.edu/explore/shakespeares-works/>*

Activities Throughout the Day

Meet William Shakespeare and Take a Photo with Him in the Inner Courtyard

Make Crafts in the Inner Courtyard

Learn about 17th century Dyeing in the Inner Courtyard

Play 17th Century Games in the Fragrance Garden

Learn about Distilling and Perfumes from Shakespeare's Time in the Fragrance Garden

17th Century Military Life on the Back Lawn

