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**THE SHAKESPEARE THEATRE OF NEW JERSEY
SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR 2011 SEASON**

Volunteer Open House to be held Thursday, April 28

MADISON, NJ — The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey is seeking volunteers to assist with ushering, concessions, and the Theatre's gift shop during the 2011 Season which begins in June.

The Shakespeare Theatre will hold a Volunteer Open House on Thursday, April 28 at 6 p.m. at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre, 36 Madison Avenue, in Madison. Community members interested in volunteering are invited to attend this open house to find out more about The Shakespeare Theatre and volunteer opportunities, meet the professional management staff, mingle with veteran volunteers, and learn about the 2011 Season from Artistic Director Bonnie J. Monte. For more information, call 973-408-3694 or email harney@ShakespeareNJ.org.

In return for each performance a volunteer works, they receive a ticket voucher good for one admission throughout the season. Performances are held Tuesday through Sunday evenings and Saturday and Sunday matinees beginning June 1 at The Theatre's Main Stage – the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre in Madison. Volunteers are also needed for the Theatre's production on its Outdoor Stage – the Greek Theatre on the campus of the College of St. Elizabeth in Convent Station, running June 22 through July 31. **For a full schedule, more information, or to sign up to volunteer, contact Heather Arney at 973-408-3694 or harney@shakespearenj.org.** Information about The Shakespeare Theatre can be found online at ShakespeareNJ.org.

The 2011 Main Stage Season includes Moliere's comedy **The Misanthrope** (June 1 through June 26); William Shakespeare's **Timon of Athens** (July 6 through July 24); Accidental Death of an Anarchist by Dario Fo (August 3 through August 28); **Othello** by William Shakespeare (September 7 through October 2); **To Kill A Mockingbird** by Harper Lee; adapted by

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Christopher Sergel (October 12 – November 20); and **A Christmas Carol**, adapted by Neil Bartlett (December 1 – January 1).

The Shakespeare Theatre will once again present Shakespeare under-the-stars at its Outdoor Stage – the Greek Theatre at the College of St. Elizabeth in Convent Station. William Shakespeare's **A Midsummer Night's Dream** will run June 22 through July 31.

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The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's **Main Stage**, the 308-seat F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre, is conveniently located in Madison at 36 Madison Avenue (Route 124) at Lancaster Road (on the Drew University campus), just minutes from Routes 287, 78 and 10. Parking is free. **The F.M. Kirby Shakespeare** Theatre is barrier free with access into the theatre via a ramp and elevator access to all floors. Wheelchair seating and transfer seating is available. Braille and large print programs are available. Infrared listening devices are available free of charge. Some performances are audio described, captioned and sign-language interpreted. Contact the theatre for more information. **For more information, or to purchase tickets, call 973-408-5600 or visit www.ShakespeareNJ.org.**

The acclaimed Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey is an independent, professional theatre company located on the Drew University campus. One of the leading Shakespeare theatres in the nation, serving 100,000 adults and children annually, it is New Jersey's only professional theatre company dedicated solely to Shakespeare's canon and other world classics. Through its distinguished productions and education programs, the company strives to illuminate the universal and lasting relevance of the classics for contemporary audiences.

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