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**THE SHAKESPEARE THEATRE OF NEW JERSEY'S *SHAKESPEARE LIVE!*
OFFERS FAMILY PERFORMANCES**

Children under age 18 go for free

MADISON, NJ —The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's acclaimed educational touring company, **Shakespeare *LIVE!***, will present several one-hour family performances of *Julius Caesar* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at The Theatre's Main Stage – the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre, 36 Madison Avenue, at Lancaster Road, in Madison. Since 1997, **Shakespeare *LIVE!*** has presented more than 1,300 performances to more than a quarter of a million young people, at over 750 schools and other venues throughout the Mid-Atlantic region and Connecticut. **Tickets are \$15 for adults which includes one free ticket for a child under age 18 with each ticket purchased. For tickets, call 973-408-5600 or visit www.ShakespeareNJ.org**

One-hour family performances of Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* will be held **Friday March 11 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 16 at 2 p.m.** at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre. *Shakespeare *LIVE!** presents a brand-new staging of Shakespeare's searing drama about a nation at a political crossroads. Rome's leaders are faced with a choice between loyalty and duty, between patriotism and propaganda—a choice that will have fatal consequences. As retold by Shakespeare, history has never been more exciting!

One-hour family performances of Shakespeare's most popular comedy *A Midsummer Night's Dream* will be held **Wednesday, March 9 at 7 p.m., Saturday March 12 and April 16 at 11 a.m.** at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre. *Shakespeare *LIVE!** always offers a fresh, imaginative take on this perennial audience favorite. When starry-eyed young lovers and zany would-be actors cross paths with mischief-making fairies in a magical forest, the result is one of the world's most uproarious comedies. *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is the ideal "first Shakespeare" for elementary grades, and a riotous roller-coaster ride for teens (and adults).

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For tickets to or more information about Family performances of *Julius Caesar* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, call the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's box office at 973-408-5600, via email at Boxoffice@shakespeareNJ.org or visit www.ShakespeareNJ.org.

Shakespeare LIVE!, celebrating its 15th season, travels to schools and other venues throughout the state and wider region with 60-minute versions of two of Shakespeare's most popular plays: *A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM* and *JULIUS CAESAR*. **To inquire about bringing Shakespeare LIVE! to your school or venue, call 973-408-3980 or e-mail jbrink@ShakespeareNJ.org.**

Shakespeare LIVE! is part of Shakespeare for a New Generation, a national program of the National Endowment for the Arts in cooperation with Arts Midwest. The National Endowment for the Arts in cooperation with Arts Midwest presents *Shakespeare for a New Generation*. The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey is one of 40 professional theater companies selected to participate in *Shakespeare for a New Generation*, bringing the finest productions of Shakespeare to thousands of middle- and high-school students in communities across the United States. This is the eighth year of *Shakespeare in American Communities*, the largest tour of Shakespeare in American history. For more information on *Shakespeare for a New Generation*, please visit <http://www.ShakespeareInAmericanCommunities.org/>.

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FAMILY PERFORMANCES FACT SHEET

Presented by: The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's education touring company *Shakespeare LIVE!*

Where: The F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre, 36 Madison Avenue, Madison, at Lancaster Road.

Family Performances:

Julius Caesar – March 11 at 7 p.m; April 16 at 2:00 p.m..

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A Midsummer Night's Dream – March 9 at 7:00 p.m.; March 12 and April 16 at 11:00 a.m.

Pricing: \$15 per adult

1 free ticket for children under 18 with each adult ticket purchased

To Purchase Tickets: Call the box office at 973-408-5600 or www.ShakespeareNJ.org