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THE ART OF COMBAT: TALENTED TEENS LEARN STAGE TECHNIQUES
Nashville Shakespeare Festival's Apprentice Company Prepares for Summer Production of Coriolanus

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – July 17, 2008 – Shakespeare isn't just about iambic pentameter and period costumes.

As the members of Nashville Shakespeare Festival's 2008 Byron and Beth Smith Apprentice Company know, Shakespeare plays can involve fight scenes that rival those of big-budget action films. And, unlike movies laden with special effects and professional stuntmen, these fight scenes must be performed live every night.

To prepare for this summer's production of *Coriolanus*, beginning Thurs., Aug. 14, apprentice company members, along with the full company, will learn how to jab, swing and take a fall, without actually hurting each other, in a two-day intensive stage combat camp in Westmoreland, Tennessee.

Nashville Shakespeare Festival's Apprentice Company is chosen yearly from Middle Tennessee's most gifted young actors. Ranging in age from 13 to 21, apprentice company actors receive more than 50 hours of specialized training to fully prepare them for their nightly roles in Shakespeare in the Park productions.

- Who:** Members of the 2008 Byron and Beth Smith Apprentice Company
- What:** Stage combat training camp
- When:** Mon., July 21 and Tues., July 22
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Where:** The Barony
1198 Pleasant Grove Road
Westmoreland TN 37186
** Please notify Nashville Shakespeare Festival Producer,
Robert Marigza at 615- 243-3542 before arrival**

For more information about the Nashville Shakespeare Festival or Shakespeare in the Park, visit www.nashvilleshakes.org.

About Nashville Shakespeare Festival

The mission of the Nashville Shakespeare Festival is to educate and entertain the Mid-South community through professional Shakespearean experiences. The Festival accomplishes this primarily through its public productions of Shakespeare in the Park in the summer and Winter Shakespeare at The Troutt Theater and its educational workshops for young people and businesses.

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