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**NASHVILLE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL PRESENTS
SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK 2009**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Aug. 4, 2009 – Pack a picnic and bring your family, friends, pets and blankets to an evening under the stars at [The Nashville Shakespeare Festival's](#) twenty-second season of [Shakespeare in the Park](#) at the [Centennial Park Bandshell](#) Thursday through Sunday evenings, Aug. 13 to Sept. 13.

This year the festival will include two comical works, Shakespeare's [The Taming of the Shrew](#) and the wildly popular, [The Complete Works of William Shakespeare \(abridged\)](#).

Beginning Aug. 13-Aug. 23 you can experience the [Byron & Beth Smith Apprentice Company's](#) production of *The Taming of the Shrew*. Set in the late 1960's, disobedient Katherine finds an equal match in the rebellious Petruchio, and the sparks fly!

Actors Benjamin Reed, Chris Campbell and Brad Brown will attempt to perform all of Shakespeare's plays in less than two hours in the hilarious, *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)* which runs Aug. 27-Sept. 13.

Each night, [pre-show entertainment](#) begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by the main performance at 7:30 p.m. Food will be available to purchase onsite from vendors such as [ChaChah](#), [Project J.O.Y.](#) and [Moose Head Kettle Corn](#). Shakespeare in the Park T-shirts and [Vitamin Water](#) will also be available for donations at the Shakes tent.

Nashville Shakespeare Festival organizers hope to have a record crowd this year, and are encouraging all attendees to make a donation to the organization. "In order to ensure the continuation of professional Shakespeare in the Park performances in 2010, we need the people of Nashville who value Shakespeare in the Park to be its heroes," said Nancy VanReece, executive director of The Nashville Shakespeare Festival. "Whether it's \$5 or \$5000, you can help Save Our Shakespeare (SOS) by donating to this year's festival."

For more information about Nashville Shakespeare Festival's Shakespeare in Park, or to donate, visit www.nasvilleshakes.org today.

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 Truitt Theater and its educational workshops for young people and businesses.

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