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**PROMINENT NASHVILLIANS GET FIFTEEN MINUTES OF FAME, APPEAR IN
NASHVILLE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL'S *CORIOLANUS***

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Aug. 4, 2008 – Their day jobs may range from television anchor to etiquette expert, but this summer, 17 well-known locals will all share the same job: actor.

Beginning Thursday, Aug. 14, prominent Nashville figures will get their chance in the spotlight as they make a cameo appearance in the role of The Herald in the Nashville Shakespeare Festival's production of *Coriolanus*, the play selected as the 21st annual Shakespeare in the Park. Each performance night, audiences will see a different local celebrity in the role, including Mayor Karl Dean on Aug. 21.

"It's great to have Mayor Dean and these other local 'stars' as guest actors," said Nancy VanReece, Executive Director of the Nashville Shakespeare Festival. "We appreciate their support of our mission to bring Shakespearian experiences to the people of Middle Tennessee. Nashville is a city that treasures its Shakespeare in the Park and these representatives are examples of that enthusiasm."

The cameo performances are scheduled as follows:

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| Thursday, Aug. 14: | Metro Nashville Arts Night: Noree Boyd, executive director, Metro Nashville Arts Commission |
| Friday, Aug. 15: | Manheim Night: David Young, group vice president, Manheim |
| Saturday, Aug. 16: | Nashville Symphony Night: Giancarlo Guerrero, music director designate, Nashville Symphony |
| Sunday, Aug. 17: | Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Night: Yuri Cunza, president, Nashville Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce |
| Thursday, Aug. 21: | Mayor's Night: Mayor Karl Dean |
| Friday, Aug. 22: | First Amendment Center Night: John Seigenthaler, founder, First Amendment Center |
| Saturday, Aug. 23: | Nashville Public Television Night: Beth Curley, president and CEO, Nashville Public Television |
| Sunday, Aug. 24: | Village Real Estate Night: Mark Deutschmann, owner and founder, Village Real Estate Services |

Thursday, Aug. 28:	Nashville Post Night: Chris Ferrell, CEO, SouthComm, Inc
Friday, Aug. 29:	John Bridges Gentleman's Guidebook Night: John Bridges, author and etiquette expert
Saturday, Aug. 30:	News Channel Five night: Vicki Yates, anchor, News Channel Five
Sunday, Aug. 31:	Founders Night: Donald Capperella, Nashville Shakespeare Festival Founder and attorney
Monday, Sept. 1:	Nashville Chamber of Commerce Night: Howard Gentry, CEO, Nashville Chamber Public Benefit Foundation
Thursday, Sept. 4:	TBA
Friday, Sept. 5:	First Tennessee Night: Tony Thompson, Nashville Regional President, First Tennessee
Saturday, Sept. 6:	Bart Durham Law Offices Night: Bart Durham, personal injury lawyer
Sunday, Sept 7:	Frist Center for the Visual Arts Night: Susan Edwards, executive director, Frist Center for the Visual Arts

The Nashville Shakespeare Festival will present Shakespeare's tragedy *Coriolanus* for Shakespeare in the Park every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday night at 7:30 pm beginning Thursday, Aug. 14 and ending Sunday, Sept. 7 with an additional performance on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 1. Vendors are open at 6pm and pre-show entertainment begins at 6:30pm. The shows are free and open to the public. Suggested donation is \$5.00. All performances will be at the Centennial Park Bandshell, located at 2600 West End Ave.

For more information about the Nashville Shakespeare Festival, 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 Truitt Theater and its educational workshops for young people and businesses.

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