

Published May 27th, 2009 Orinda Salutes Cal Shakes-Thursday, May 28th at 5:30

GAL DIANES CALIFORNIA SHAKESPEARE THEATER

Cal Shakes will join with the City of Orinda, Theater Square, and the Orinda Chamber of Commerce to host the 3rd annual Orinda Salutes Cal Shakes-a celebration of the theater program and kick off to the 2009 season. Lamorinda residents are invited to Theater Square on Thursday, May 28th to enjoy food, drinks, music, and performances by local actors. Businesses from across Lamorinda will be on hand. The event is free and all are welcome. The festivities start at 5:30 p.m

- Romeo and Juliet
- By William Shakespeare
- May 27th to June 21st
- Cal Shakes' innovative

Artistic leader Jonathan Moscone will direct Shakespeare's classic tale of the passionate and forbidden romance between two young lovers. An early impression of the play posted at the Cal Shakes website describes the first act as "urban and sophisticated with bits of urban grunge dabbled about...not your father's Romeo and Juliet."

Private Lives

- By Noel Coward
- July 8th to August 2nd

Mark Rucker will direct this wicked and witty romantic comedy with a divorced couple occupying adjoining honeymoon suites.

- Happy Days
- By Samuel Beckett
- August 12th to September 6th

Four-time Academy Award-nominated Marsha Mason will spend the late summer weeks at the Bruns Amphitheater in Orinda and star in this aptly- and ironically-named play that will be directed by Jonathan Moscone.

- A Midsummer Night's Dream
- By William Shakespeare

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September 6th to October 11th Shakespeare's charming and magical comedy, A Midsummer Night's Dream, will close out the season. The play will be directed by Aaron Posner and coproduced by the Two River Theater Company.

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