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Marin Shakespeare Company takes to the stage July 6, 2012

*Power and politics; comedy and romance; laughter and lies
fill the stage in Marin's only annual outdoor Shakespeare festival*

SAN RAFAEL, CA - This summer the Marin Shakespeare Company sets its outdoor stage for politics, enchantment, romance and comedy presenting "King John," "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and the Bay Area premiere of "The Liar." The season begins with previews on July 6 and continues with performances (presented in repertory) through Sept. 30, 2012.

The festival begins with a "Pay What You Will" preview Friday, July 6 with William Shakespeare's "King John," directed by Lesley Schisgall Currier. A rousing story of English patriotism, the rarely performed "King John" is an action-packed history play full of humor, wisdom and drama. "King John," featuring actor Scott Coopwood in the title role, **opens Friday, July 13.**

"A Midsummer Night's Dream," directed by Robert Currier, begins with "A Pay What You Will" preview performance Friday, July 20. Shakespeare's enchanting, romantic comedy **opens Saturday, July 28**, featuring Jarion Monroe as Bottom, Scott Coopwood as Oberon, Cat Thompson as Titania and James Hiser as Puck.



The summer festival continues with "The Liar," by David Ives, adapted from the farce by Pierre Corneille. Robert Currier directs this saucy, fast-paced romantic romp about a young man who cannot keep from telling lies. A "Pay What You Will" preview is set for Friday, Aug. 17. The production, featuring Darren Bridgett, Stephen Muterspaugh, Cat Thompson and Elena Wright, **opens Saturday, Aug. 25.**

The Forest Meadows Amphitheatre opens one hour prior to show time for picnicking. Audiences are encouraged to bring picnics or purchase snacks at the Theatre Café. Warm clothing, jackets and blankets are recommended for evening performances. Campus parking is free.

The Marin Shakespeare Company summer long festival features a variety of special events and discounted ticket options and "Pay What You Will" preview performances.

Tickets are \$20 to \$35.

Performances are presented 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and 4 p.m. Sundays at Dominican University of California's Forest Meadows Amphitheatre, 1475 Grand Avenue, in San Rafael, Calif.

See the complete performance schedule, event information and reserve season tickets at Marin Shakespeare Company's website at www.marinshakespeare.org

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