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PRODUCER: Marin Shakespeare Company

WHAT: The award-winning Marin Shakespeare Company presents a full summer season of three different plays about love and romance for its 2008 Mainstage Season, featuring a repertory cast of 12 equity actors. The Marin Shakespeare summer festival features special events including opening night galas with complimentary wine; pre-performance conversations led by company artists or scholars; post-performance question and answer sessions with the director and cast; and Shakespeare Dinners catered by Bryan's Fine Foods with special presentations by Marin Shakespeare's Artistic Director Robert Currier. Ticket discounts available for groups, family and senior matinees and Pay What You Will performances. Visit www.marinshakespeare.org for details.

As Marin County's only professional Shakespeare company, Marin Shakespeare proudly presents:

THE WINTER'S TALE - July 11 to Aug. 24, 2008

Directed by Lesley and Robert Currier

Comedy, tragedy, a miraculous statue and a man-eating bear – Shakespeare's magical, moving tale of clowns and con men, shepherds and sweethearts is a wide-ranging romance about jealousy, forgiveness, wonder and grace.

Preview performances: July 11 & 12 **Opening:** Friday, July 18

AMADEUS - July 12 to Aug. 24, 2008

By Peter Shaffer / Directed by James Dunn

Set in Imperial Vienna, Amadeus recounts the devastating tale of political intrigue, sexual betrayal and artistic backstabbing between the holy sinner Antonio Salieri and his nemesis, musical genius Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Preview performances: July 12 & 13 **Opening:** Saturday, July 19

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING - Aug. 29 to Sept. 28, 2008

Directed by Robert Currier

Shakespeare invented the screwball comedy with Much Ado About Nothing, where love triumphs over misunderstandings and mischief. A hilarious, romantic battle between the sexes starring Darren Bridgett* and Cat Thompson.*

Preview performances: Aug. 29, 30 & 31 **Opening:** Friday, Sept. 5

WHEN: July 11 to Sept. 28, 2008 8 p.m. performances Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays & 4 p.m. Saturdays & Sundays Complete schedule of repertory performances and special events at www.MarinShakespeare.org

WHERE: Forest Meadows Amphitheatre 1475 Grand Avenue, Dominican University of California, San Rafael, Calif.

TICKETS: \$15 to \$30 Advance: \$27.50 General; \$22.50 Senior (age 65 and over); \$15 Youth (18 & under) At the door: \$30 General; \$25 Senior; \$15 Youth (Season tickets: \$60 General; \$50 senior; \$30 Youth Bard Pass: Eight tickets for \$176 good for any performance.)

BOX OFFICE: 415-499-4488

WEBSITE: www.marinshakespeare.org

Free onsite parking. Located near public transit. Comfortable bench seating. Theater opens one hour prior to show time for picnicking. Bring your own picnic or purchase snacks at the Theatre Café. Warm clothing, jackets, blankets recommended for evening performances. Call box office for special parking needs.

Marin Shakespeare Company is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization

(*Members of Actors Equity)