



# a Company of Fools

Bringing Shakespeare to the national capital since 1990

## Community Outreach Program



### Who Are the Fools?

The mandate of a Company of Fools is to create accessible and interactive performances based on the works of William Shakespeare. Our mission is to produce quality performances that are accessible to as many people as possible. Our Torchlight Shakespeare in the park series - the main focus of our organization - travels to 30-40 parks across the Capital Region and offers non-ticket by donation performances. We employ a stylized approach to Shakespeare that uses techniques of slapstick, clown, Commedia Dell'arte, mask, and puppetry.

It doesn't matter where you live or how much money you have, we create theatre that is accessible to everyone.

Purpose of the Fools:

- Create interactive theatrical experiences based on the works of William Shakespeare.
- Offer accessible cultural events that bring communities together for a shared live experience.



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## What is the Program?

We are seeking partnerships with organizations or institutions who work with groups of people that have limited access to arts and culture. These groups include (but are not limited to): hospitals, shelters, subsidized kids camps, assisted living facilities, and correctional facilities.

We want to bring a performance of our popular summer production of Shakespeare in the park to you. To accommodate a wide variety of facilities and locations we have created a smaller version of our performance that can be housed in cafeterias, gymnasiums, conference or training rooms, or even common gathering spaces.

Our performance is 90 minutes long and performed by an a company of 6 professional actors. To accompany the performance, we can also arrange additional programming offers that helps your audience engage with the material. These offers include:

- A 'talk-back' with the cast. Your audience will have the chance to ask our actors and production team any questions they might have about the play.
- A workshop taught by the production's director that introduces your audience to the fundamentals of Shakespeare from the perspective of an actor.





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## What's the goal of the program?

We believe that participation in the arts fosters a sense of community by bringing people together for a shared live experience. This shared experience encourages critical thinking, thoughtful dialogue, and ultimately makes us engaged citizens.

We would love to become apart of your community just like the 40+ ones we visit every summer.

## What do I need to participate?

To bring this program to your organization we only require two things: a suitable performance space and an audience.

A suitable performance space: this space must be indoors with an open space that is at least 15' wide and 10' deep. These measurements do not include a space for the audience. We also require access to bathrooms and a secure location to store personal items.

An audience: your group can be as big as 150 and as small as 20.

## How much does it cost?

Like the best things in life: **it's free!**

If you would like to see this program continue, you might consider making make a donation. As we are a registered charity, all donations above \$20 are eligible for tax receipts. To make a donation visit [Fools.ca](http://Fools.ca) or contact us via [info@fools.ca](mailto:info@fools.ca).

## I'm interested. How can I contact you?

You can contact us by phone, email, or in person. We'd be more than happy to chat with your further about the program.

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