

*Look for Shakespeare as you've rarely seen him in New Mexico!*

**Shakespeare on the Plaza**

By William Shakespeare

*Romeo and Juliet*, directed by Billy Trabauda

*A Midsummer Night's Dream*, directed by David Richard Jones

-- All Performances are at the Albuquerque Civic Plaza --

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The City of Albuquerque and The Vortex Theater are proud to present a joint venture that brings two of William Shakespeare's classics to life this summer in outdoor productions at Albuquerque's Civic Plaza. Starting June 19 and running for four weeks, The Vortex Theatre will present multiple showings of *Romeo and Juliet* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. These classic stories will be set against a New Mexico backdrop and are perfect summer entertainment for the whole family.

***Romeo & Juliet*** June 19 (Preview), 20 (opening), 21, 22, 28, July 3, 6, 12

***A Midsummer Night's Dream*** June 25 (Preview), 26 (opening), 27, 29, July 4, 5, 10, 13

**Times:** Thursdays through Sundays, 7:30pm

**Tickets:** Fri-Sun: \$15 (students \$10); Thursdays \$10/\$5; Previews \$5  
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A single company of actors will perform both productions in rotating repertory. The productions will be in Albuquerque's Civic Plaza, where the large covered state will be remade into an intimate space, a perfect place to experience Shakespeare's incomparable love poetry on a summer night. "We are incredibly excited to present Shakespeare's classics in this environment for the Albuquerque community," says David Richard Jones, the festival's Artistic Director.

Each evening will also feature **pre-performance** entertainment —music, dance, poetry and Sunday night play-talks—that will further enhance the Shakespearean festival atmosphere of this event."

Special shows will feature at least one interpreter for guests with hearing impairments. As part of the festival, each evening will feature pre-show festivities and performances.

**\*Teen Night:** On July 3, a special "Teen Night" performance will admit teens to *Romeo & Juliet* free of charge. Teens must show proof that they are between the ages of 13 and 19 to enter for free. After the show, a special post-show discussion will engage young spectators in the problems of teenage love. With leading characters who are teenagers themselves, *Romeo and Juliet* leaves a great deal to be discussed on the subject of young love.

**Shakespeare on the Plaza** is a partnership between The Vortex Theatre and the Cultural Services Department, City of Albuquerque, Richard J. Berry, Mayor. For more about The Vortex see [www.vortexabq.org](http://www.vortexabq.org). For more information on the many venues, events and activities of the Cultural Services Department, please visit [www.cabq.gov/culturalservices](http://www.cabq.gov/culturalservices) or call 311. For accessibility, call Relay NM or 711.