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SHAKESPEARE COMES TO BEAVERTON THIS SUMMER FOR A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

BEAVERTON, Ore. – Experience Theatre Project will present Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on Friday through Sunday, June 24 through 26, July 1 through 3, and July 7 through 10 at The Round, 12600 SW Crescent St. This event is the first of its kind at The Round and the first full-length production by the Experience Theatre Project. The event is free to the public.

Alisa Stewart, artistic director of Experience Theatre Project, describes the project as long overdue. "I'm very grateful to the city and The Round for having enabled us to put on this show. I'm eager to invite the community to experience free Shakespeare this summer without having to drive through the Vista Ridge tunnel."

Stewart also believes that the production will be a boon to Beaverton. "The Mayor (Denny Doyle) has always been a strong supporter of the arts. We believe the show will bring the community together and add to the city's vibrancy and distinctiveness should the production become the first of a regular annual series of Shakespeare productions at The Round."

Stewart is confident that residents will embrace the idea of making Shakespeare in The Round an annual event. "Our production style is different from most 'Shakespeare in the Park' productions. We produce immersive shows, which brings audiences much closer to the performers. Essentially the actors' performances take place all around audience members, instead of being confined to a limited stage area in front of them. The show will be full of beautiful costumes and original music with live musicians and acrobatic fairies. We are also including kids from our summer kids' camps to perform as fairies. Those kids will love the chance to perform in a Shakespeare play in front of a large audience."

The show will be the first Shakespeare production at The Round since the development's construction in 1997. For more information, visit www.experiencetp.org.

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