Shakespeare in the Park

One of St. Louis’s favorite summer traditions. Shakespeare in the Park has entertained over a million people since 2001.

Broadway stars and local legends perform the world’s greatest plays in America’s best urban park. Nearly 50,000 attend each year: audiences travel from the surrounding region and across the country for this St. Louis summer staple. With no tickets required, audiences draw a strong connection between their favorite summer event and the generous sponsors who make it possible.

Lisa Portes, Head of Directing at DePaul University’s Theatre School, directs Twelfth Night this summer. It’s one of Shakespeare’s great mistaken identity comedies. After washing ashore from a shipwreck, Viola must learn the ways of her newfound home. She presents as a man to find work and winds up in an unintended love triangle with the town’s glitterati.

Portes’s Twelfth Night is set in contemporary Miami Beach, a hub of wealth and glamor as well as a port of entry for many immigrants and refugees. It’s a celebration of Latin expression and love of all kinds.

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8 Wins, 17 Nominations

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St. Louis Magazine

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“People everywhere come to experience this yearly joy. We travel from a very small town in Illinois every year.”

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Twelfth Night
Directed by Lisa Portes

MAY 31 - JUN 25, 8 PM
(nightly, excluding Mondays)

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