

ST·LOUIS SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

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Shakespeare in the Streets Returns in East St. Louis September 25-27

ST. LOUIS (September 24, 2025) - This weekend, September 25-27, the St. Louis Shakespeare Festival's Shakespeare in the Streets returns in East St. Louis with *Power*, based upon Shakespeare's *Richard III*.

Power is directed by Kathryn Bentley and is free to attend. This performance takes place in partnership with the ESTL community and written by journalist DeAsia Paige (*The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *Belleville News-Democrat*, *VICE*).

"With *Power*, we're honoring East St. Louis - its artists, athletes, and everyday champions by letting the community's own voices lead the story," said the Festival's Producing Artistic Director, Tom Ridgely. "Shakespeare in the Streets has always been about building a stage with our neighbors, and there's no better place than the House of Miles to celebrate a city whose music, movement and resilience have impacted the world."

Shakespeare in the Streets is a theatrical experience that combines the history of one St. Louis community with a Shakespeare play. Previously explored histories include Old North, Maplewood, the Grove, Cherokee Street, The Ville and Bevo Mill.

This year's project honors the historic East St. Louis. Known as the City of Champions, it's home to Olympic Gold Medalist Jackie Joyner-Kerse, jazz legend Miles Davis, global dance phenomenon Katherine Dunham and many more artists, poets, and athletes.

DETAILS:

FREE on SEP 25, 26, & 27 at 8:15PM

Shakespeare in the Streets: ***POWER***

Written by **DEASIA PAIGE** • Directed by **KATHRYN BENTLEY**

Inspired by **EAST ST. LOUIS** • Based on Shakespeare's ***RICHARD III***

In front of the [House of Miles East St. Louis \(HOME\)](#), former home of the late & great jazz legend, Miles Davis

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CAST LIST:

- Rosalyn Bryant (Anne)
- Samuel Holmes (Eddie/Eric)
- Redina Medley (Ghost of Barbara Ann Teer / ESTL Resident)
- Tashayla Montgomery (Ghost of Katherine Dunham)
- Olivia Neal (Lisa)
- Stephanie Nevilles (ESTL Resident)
- Trey Perkins (Miles Davis)
- Kristyon Perry (Ensemble / Ghost of Charmaine Savage / ESTL Resident)
- Reginald Pierre (Ron)
- Dr. Catina Lynett Rupert (Veronica)
- Domonique Shelton (Ghost of Mary Martin / ESTL Resident)
- Rob Wood (Richard)

Learn more about Shakespeare in the Streets: <https://stlshakes.org/production/power/>

St. Louis Shakespeare Festival's commitment to radically accessible free theater is made possible through the support of hundreds of Festival members and supporters throughout the year. Lead support of the 2025 Season comes from Edward Jones, Regional Arts Commission ARPA for the Arts, Whitaker Foundation, PNC ArtsAlive, Switch, Missouri Arts Council, Pershing Charitable Trust, and The Hearst Foundations.

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The St. Louis Shakespeare Festival strives to foster community and joy across the St. Louis region through the Shakespearean tradition of art for all. Since 2001, the Festival has grown from producing a single production of Shakespeare in Forest Park to a year-round season of impactful programming in exciting and accessible venues throughout the bi-state area. Artistic and education programs reach over 50,000 patrons and students each season. Their award-winning work has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Bloomberg News*.