

Humber River Shakespeare ? As You Like It coming soon to area

Humber River Shakespeare Co. will soon be heading out on its sixth annual outdoor Shakespeare tour to communities across Ontario with their production of the Bard's beloved comedy, *As You Like It*.

All performances are open to the general public and are pay-what-you-can, with a suggested donation of \$15.

The play will open July 9 and 10 at Dick's Dam Park in Bolton, and the tour will return to Caledon July 19 and 20, when there are performances planned for Alton Mill Arts Centre. As well, performances are planned for the Schomberg Fairgrounds July 11 and 18. The shows will start at 7 p.m

In this enchanting and witty comedy, a well matched pair of lovers, both banished, seek refuge in the Forest of Arden. Only one complication prevents their love from flourishing. The lovesick Rosalind is disguised as a man. As she teaches Orlando how to woo a woman her frustration yields to high comedy in this tale of cross-dressing, mistaken identity, poetry, song, humor and shrewd observations about love, marriage, fate and human nature.

As they do each and every summer, this talented troupe of travelling players will breathe new life into this all-time favourite among Shakespeare's comedies. From the cold and hostile court to the welcoming arms of the forest, *As You Like It* is about love, in all its forms. Brothers, lovers, friends and foes are tricked, tried and tested in this pastoral pastiche of life, love, wisdom and wit. A wrestling match, music, a banished duke and a celebration of country life combine to move, delight and inspire in this classic comedy.

The production is directed by the company's Artistic Director, Kevin Hammond, (just returning from the Stratford Festival where he was Assistant Director on *Measure For Measure*).

Unique heritage buildings and picturesque parks continue to act as natural play spaces for the company.

Humber River Shakespeare is working with 2013 presenting partners The Ontario Arts Council and Arts Society King.

"We are pleased to have such generous support from these organizations, which allow us to continue to create and produce professional theatre and educational programs for a growing audience base," said Artistic Producer Sara Moyle. "The relationships we've built with local organizations, businesses and volunteers are also essential to our success."

For more on the performances or company, call the patron information line at 416-209-2026 or go to HumberRiverShakespeare.ca