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Oklahoma Shakespeare in the Park Opens Inaugural Summer Season in Downtown OKC

OKLAHOMA CITY – June 7, 2007 – Oklahoma Shakespeare in the Park has officially arrived in downtown Oklahoma City. With summer just around the corner, the state's premier classical theatre company will open its inaugural summer season at the Myriad Gardens Water Stage on Thursday, June 14, at 8 p.m. with a production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Mayor Mick Cornett and other community leaders will attend the event to officially welcome the theatre to the city and to their new Water Stage home. The Myriad Gardens Foundation recently launched a \$1.9 million capital campaign to renovate the stage and has announced major contributions from groups such as Inasmuch Foundation and Devon Energy.

Set in a magical forest, *Midsummer* is deceptive, silly and unnerving as it unleashes the forces of the madman's, poet's and lover's imaginations. One of William Shakespeare's best-known plays, the production will benefit from the botanical surroundings at the Water Stage and bring entertainment to the entire family.

The summer season will run through Sept. 1 and follow a repertoire style, including productions of *Cyrano de Bergerac* and *Macbeth*. Production dates for shows are as follows:

- *A Midsummer Night's Dream* – June 14-16, 21-23, 28-30, July 26, 28 and Aug. 3, 30.
- *Cyrano de Bergerac* – July 5-7, 12-14, 19-21, 27 and Aug. 2, 4, 31.
- *Macbeth* – Aug. 9-11, 16-18, 23-25 and Sept. 1.

Summer season tickets are \$25; single summer season admission tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students, senior citizens and children 12 and under. Tickets are available at the box office on the night of performance beginning at 7 p.m. Group rates are available for 10 or more. For additional information, call 405-235-3700 or e-mail info@oklahomashakespeare.com.

Oklahoma Shakespeare in the Park was founded in 1985 by current Artistic Director Kathryn McGill and the late Jack O'Meara. The organization is supported in part by Oklahoma Arts Council, Allied Arts, AT&T, Devon Energy, Chesapeake Energy, OGE Energy Corp., Kirkpatrick Family Fund, Kirkpatrick Foundation, Inasmuch Foundation and the University of Central Oklahoma. For more information, visit www.oklahomashakespeare.com.

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