

The South Dakota Shakespeare Festival Presents Shakespeare's Thrilling Tragedy, Macbeth

Something Wicked this Way Comes: the South Dakota Shakespeare Festival presents Shakespeare's thrilling tragedy, Macbeth

The South Dakota Shakespeare Festival (SDSF) is proud to present Shakespeare's thrilling tragedy, Macbeth, in Vermillion's Prentis Park, June 11th-14th, at 7pm.

With their production of Macbeth, the SDSF plans to thrill and chill its audience, in a play that explores the quest for power, the dangers of vaulting ambition, fate vs. free will, and the frailty of the human condition. The production features an all-star company of seasoned professionals hired from competitive national and regional markets, USD theatre faculty, and younger professionals drawn from USD's Theatre program.

In addition to the full-length Shakespeare production, the SDSF will feature live music in Prentis Park, along with vending of food and beverages, beginning at 6pm each evening. Workshops and

educational programming for all ages will be offered throughout the four days of the Festival. Advance registration for workshops is recommended through the Vermillion Parks and Recreation website: http://www.vermillionparksandrec.com/Youth_Programs.php

A special Scholars' Roundtable Discussion, hosted by USD's College of Arts and Sciences and Department of English, will take place at 3pm on Sunday June 14th in Prentis Park. Join national and international Shakespeare scholars as they lead a discussion on past productions of Macbeth, the choices made in this production, and enduring questions of what makes Macbeth so special. In keeping with the SDSF's mission of accessibility, all programs are free and open to the public. "Free Will" donations are



welcomed.

In advance of the Festival, the SDSF will be performing special preview performances of Macbeth for the Senior Care Center at Sanford Vermillion and at SESDAC, in order to

expand their reach to a broader demographic and share the wonders and joys of Shakespeare and live theatre with a wider audience base.

The South Dakota Shakespeare Festival is a

professional non-profit theatre company, and a member of the Shakespeare Theatre Association (STA). The SDSF is supported in collaboration with USD's College of Fine Arts and Department of Theatre, and produced by Coyoteopolly, a USD-student run corporation and interdisciplinary service-learning project that reinforces classroom learning while providing derivative benefits to the community.

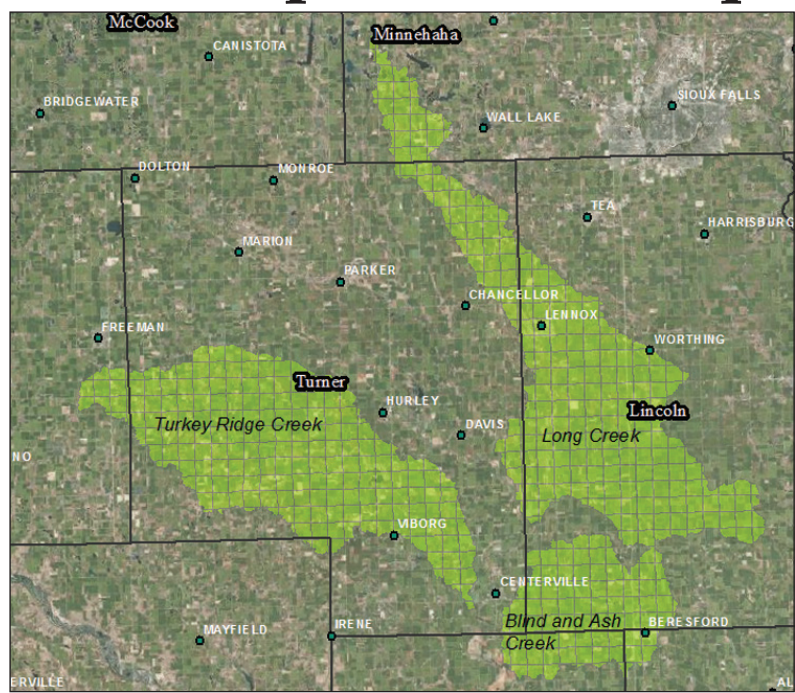
The mission of the South Dakota Shakespeare Festival is to increase the cultural, artistic and educational offerings of the state of South Dakota and surrounding regions through professional Shakespeare performances and arts education events delivered in a lively and accessible format. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Chaya Gordon-Bland, Executive Director Greg Huckabee, Produc-

tion Manager Scott Mollman, and Education Director Tim Pyles, the South Dakota Shakespeare Festival seeks to fulfill an important cultural and educational need throughout the state and Great Plains Region.

Support for the South Dakota Shakespeare Festival is provided by the City of Vermillion, the Vermillion Chamber and Development Company, Vermillion Rotary, Sanford Vermillion, the Dakota Hospital Foundation, the Vermillion Area Community Foundation, the University of South Dakota, and many local and regional businesses and individual patrons. South Dakota Arts Council support is provided with funds from the State of South Dakota, through the Department of Tourism, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For further information, please visit our website at www.sds Shakespearefestival.org

Last Chance for Landowners To Sign Up For TLC Equip Effort



The Turner-Lincoln-Clay organization's goal is to reduce flooding on the lower Vermillion River by increasing soil infiltration and water retention upstream.

(PHOTO COURTESY OF THE USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE, VERMILLION, SD)

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE, Vermillion, SD, May 29, 2015—Private landowners in the Ash Creek, Blind Creek, Long Creek and Turkey Ridge Creek watersheds in Clay, Lincoln, Turner and Union Counties respectively, who are interested

in helping to reduce flooding on the lower Vermillion River, have until June 19, to sign up for the TLC EQIP Effort. This TLC Project initiated by the Turner-Lincoln-Clay organization, in conjunction with the NRCS, uses

the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to improve water retention, infiltration and reduce flooding. Additional benefits include reduced soil erosion, improved water quality and enriched soil health.

Postcards were previously mailed to known landowners in this area. However, if you own land in the above watersheds but were not notified, give this opportunity consideration.

To learn more, plan to attend the TLC-EQIP Workshop at the SDSU Be-resford Research Farm on Wednesday afternoon, June 10th, 2015, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., sponsored by the USDA NRCS and Turner-Lincoln-Clay organization. NRCS and its partners provide funding sources, in addition to conservation planners, who offer technical assistance at no cost to help you develop and implement your plan.

Some of the voluntary conservation practices that landowners may incorporate into their farming operations to enhance soil health and conserve water include: cover crops, crop rotation, residue and tillage management, introduction of ponds, riparian herbaceous buffers and filter strips.

Those landowners or operators within the priority area are eligible to apply.

For more information about this effort contact your local USDA Service Center.

National Music Museum Wins 2015 TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence

For the 2nd year in a row, the National Music Museum (NMM) has been named one of "the best properties in the world" by TripAdvisor.com, the world's largest internet travel site. The TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence is "a prestigious award that can only be earned through consistently great reviews."

The honor signifies that the NMM is "one of the very best in the business." NMM spokesperson Patricia Bornhofen says that "this stamp of approval is compelling because it represents the freely-offered opinions of all kinds of travelers. In effect, it's a people's choice award."

TripAdvisor.com also ranks the NMM as Vermillion's #1 attraction. Says Bornhofen, "Vermillionites really should exercise their bragging rights. They have one of the world's finest music museums right in their community."

The Museum is also in the middle of a capital campaign, working to raise funds for the redesign and physical expansion of the Museum.

"With 15,000 artifacts in our holdings — 1,200 on public display — we need far more space," says Bornhofen. "We'd love to see every business and family in the area join and support us as Museum members."

A special draw at the NMM this summer is the limited-time exhibit "Band-ing Together - The American Soldier's Music Arsenal," which showcases rare historic instruments issued to or used by U.S. soldiers throughout American military history. It also features rare wartime photos, posters, sheet music, uniforms, and other fascinating artifacts.

The National Music Museum's summer hours through Labor Day are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday; Sunday, 1:00-5:00pm. The Museum is located in the middle of Vermillion, on the corner of East Clark and Yale streets, on the campus of the University of South Dakota. More information at nmmusd.org.

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Two Flight Training Scholarships Available

Two Flight Training Scholarships Available
 The Yankton Regional Aviation Association (YRAA) announces the opening for applications for the YRAA Pilot Training Scholarship and the Bud Becker Memorial Scholarship. The YRAA scholarship was established in 2005 and

is for \$750. The Becker scholarship was established in 2013 and is for \$1,000. The YRAA scholarship is one way the YRAA promotes general aviation in southeastern South Dakota and northeastern Nebraska. The Becker scholarship carries on the aviation legacy of Ramon "Bud" Becker of Hartington

and his life-long passion for aviation. The YRAA has 114 members from several towns in SD, IA, and NE.

The scholarships will be given a "wannabe student" pilot or student pilot. The success of this program is in part dependent upon the receipt of good quality nominees. The

deadline for submitting an application for the scholarships is July 1, 2015. The application forms for the scholarships can be requested from Steve Hamilton, 303 Golf Lane, Yankton, SD 57078-1727; or email skyhawk@iw.net or call 605-665-8448.

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