

Stratford FESTIVAL

4 DAYS

July 3rd - 6th, 2024



Stratford Festival is North America's largest classical repertory theatre company with another outstanding line up for 2024. Presenting classics, contemporary dramas, and musicals, they put special emphasis on the plays of Shakespeare. Roll back in time, and the year was 1950. The railway had just pulled out of Stratford. In a bid to breathe new life into the community that sits on the idyllic Avon River, journalist Tom Patterson tabled the idea of a Shakespearean Theatre. How fitting that one of the theatres in the Stratford collection is named after this remarkable man.

The show line up for 2024 is a great mix between Shakespeare and contemporaries.

Day One - We will check in at our centrally located host hotel in Stratford followed by a hearty dinner together this evening. (D)

Day Two - Breakfast is included each morning. Take time for a short walk this morning to explore your surroundings. Discover how easy it is to access the Festival Theatre grounds, the waterfront and more. This afternoon, we begin with the musical **La Cage aux Folles**, winner of 11 Tony Awards and a plot that makes for hilarious theatre. This evening, blind hatred, passionate love, staunch rebellion and a fateful decision come to life in the Shakespearean play **Romeo and Juliet**. (B, D)

Day Three - Whether you are a die-hard Shakespearean fan or new to the scene, the musical **Something Rotten** will have you cheering for two rather ordinary brothers who just happened to be playwrights, slugging away in the shadow of Shakespeare until they hit on a brilliant genre idea, something called "a musical." This evening, enjoy **Twelfth Night**, all about mistaken identity, misplaced romance and more. (B)

Day Four - Following breakfast, we will check out and take the short drive over to St Jacobs. The famously known Farmers Market of St. Jacobs will be a welcomed stop this morning before we begin our journey back to Eastern Ontario. Our expected time of arrival in Cornwall will be approximately 7:00 PM this evening (B, L)

Inclusions

- Transportation via Deluxe Motorcoach
- 3 Nights' Hotel Accommodation in Stratford, Arden Park
- 3 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners, & 1 Lunch
- Reserved Orchestra Seats for Four included shows
- Visit to St Jacobs Farmers Market
- Cancellation & Trip Interruption Insurance*
- Luggage Handling
- All Taxes and Gratuities on Included Meals
- Jolly Tour Director

* Surcharge may apply to upper age categories.



Cost Per Person

Double	\$1,799	(Taxes Incl. \$202.65)
Triple	\$1,699	(Taxes Incl. \$191.14)
Quad	\$1,639	(Taxes Incl. \$184.24)
Single	\$2,179	(Taxes Incl. \$246.36)

Deposit \$ 500 PP Upon Registration
Balance Due: May 3rd 2024

ABOUT THE PERFORMANCES

All show performances include an audience advisory. To be informed, please check Stratford Theatre Website

Romeo and Juliet

By William Shakespeare

An age-old feud precludes the passionate love Romeo and Juliet feel for each other, but its fervor cannot be quelled. Blinded by hatred, Juliet's father makes a fateful decision that prompts the lovers to rebel in a manner that will lead to the destruction of both families.

Twelfth Night

By William Shakespeare

A shipwreck steals Viola's twin brother from her and lands her in a foreign country. Seeking safety and income, she disguises herself as a young man, Cesario, and gains employment with the lovesick Count Orsino, who is pining for his beloved Olivia, deep in mourning for her own brother. Desperate to win Olivia's love, Orsino sends Cesario to court her in his stead. But love is found in unexpected places in this rollicking romance of mistaken identity.

Something Rotten!

Book by Karey Kirkpatrick and John O'Farrell

Music and Lyrics by Wayne Kirkpatrick and Karey Kirkpatrick

Conceived by Karey Kirkpatrick and Wayne Kirkpatrick

Brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom are playwrights toiling away in the shadow of the great William Shakespeare. Desperate for a hit, Nick visits a soothsayer who predicts that the next great thing in theatre will be something called "a musical." Wary but trusting, the brothers set off to create a new theatrical genre – only to find Shakespeare wants in on the act. Featuring songs like "God, I Hate Shakespeare", "Will Power" and "Hard to Be the Bard", the Tony Award-winning musical *Something Rotten!* is perfect for the Stratford stage and for all audiences, whether they know and love Shakespeare or are just jumping on the bandwagon now.

La Cage aux Folles

Book by Harvey Fierstein

Music and Lyrics by Jerry Herman

Based on the play by Jean Poiret

Jean-Michel and Anne are deeply in love and about to get married. The only problem is their parents. Anne's father is a politician and head of the Tradition, Family and Morality Party. Jean-Michel was raised by his two fathers, Georges, a nightclub owner, and Albin, a drag performer. Before the wedding occurs the two couples must be introduced. The orchestration of that meeting makes for hilarious theatre with a touching and emotional conclusion. Winner of 11 Tony Awards and two Oliviers, *La Cage aux Folles* was also adapted into a hugely successful movie, *The Bird Cage*, starring Nathan Lane and Robin Williams.

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