



GRAND VALLEY  
*Shakespeare Festival*

SEPTEMBER 30–NOVEMBER 5, 2016

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY  
ALLENDALE CAMPUS



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FOR  
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SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1, 6, AND 7 AT 7:30 P.M.  
OCTOBER 2, 8, AND 9 AT 2 P.M.



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THEATRE

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# GRAND VALLEY SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

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Celebrating 23 consecutive seasons this year, the Grand Valley Shakespeare Festival is the longest running and largest Shakespeare festival in Michigan. A cultural, educational, and performing arts experience, the festival draws more than 6,000 guests each year. It explores and celebrates Shakespeare and his culture in a creative environment that encourages educational and artistic excellence, connecting the university's training program in theatre arts to other academic disciplines and aspects of university life.

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Directed by Roger Ellis

Shakespeare's darkest comedy tackles the twin evils of power and corruption with outrageous humor, giving hope to the hopeless and courage to the powerless.

His city caught in a moral free-fall, the Duke of Vienna hands over power to Lord Angelo, who enforces long-dormant codes of chastity with zealous fervor. When Isabella, a pious young nun, pleads for the life of her condemned brother, Angelo's response is surprisingly sensual — revealing a web of desire, deception, and hypocrisy that infects every corner of society.

**September 30\*, October 1\*, 6\*\*, and 7 at 7:30 p.m.  
October 2\*, 8, and 9 at 2 p.m.**

Armstrong Theatre, Allendale Campus

\*Great Laker Weekend \*\*Sign language interpretation available.

## **Measure for Measure Tickets and Admission to Events**

Adults .....	\$14
Alumni, faculty, staff, and seniors .....	\$12
All students .....	\$6

Location: Box Office, Louis Armstrong Theatre,  
Performing Arts Center, Allendale Campus

Hours: M–F, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. and  
one hour prior to performances

(616) 331-2300

Admission to pre-show discussions, festival scholar presentation, Renaissance Faire, *Bard to Go* performances, and the Shakespeare Festival Student Competition Awards Ceremony is free and open to the public. No reservations are required for attending any of these events or the receptions that accompany them.

## **Bard to Go: Macbeth**

A 45-minute, condensed version of *Macbeth* makes Shakespeare accessible to younger audiences. Students experience the plot and language in a fast-paced performance, while exploring the themes and implications of the rise and fall of Macbeth as they relate to our globalized society and our potential future.

Free public performances

**October 8 at 8 p.m.  
November 5 at 1 p.m.**

Charles W. Loosemore Auditorium  
Robert C. Pew Grand Rapids Campus



## **Guest Scholar-in-Residence and Conference Keynote Speaker**

**“Measure for Measure” Then and Now**

Phyllis Rackin, Ph.D is an influential and oft-quoted feminist Shakespeare scholar, professor of English Emerita at University of Pennsylvania, and a former president of the Shakespeare Association of America. She has published five books and numerous scholarly articles about Shakespeare and related subjects. Her awards include an ACLS fellowship and a Lindback award for distinguished teaching.



Phyllis Rackin, Ph.D.

Public lecture

**October 7 at 4 p.m.**

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## **Shakespeare Festival Conference: Pedagogy and Performance**

Shakespeare festival directors; professors of English, theatre, and interdisciplinary studies; secondary education teachers; and graduate students from across the United States and Canada come together with national and international Shakespeare enthusiasts to engage in workshops, performances, presentations, and discussions about teaching all things Shakespearean.

Visit [gvsu.edu/shakesconference/](http://gvsu.edu/shakesconference/) for information.

**October 7-9**

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