

Dear Michigan Teachers,

This fall, the Grand Valley Shakespeare Festival will once again offer performances of *Bard to Go*, a touring Shakespeare production that visits schools throughout West Michigan and beyond. This season we are trying something new. Rather than developing a production that includes sections of several plays on a common theme, this year's *Bard to Go* offering is an exciting 45-minute version of *Macbeth*, one of Shakespeare's classic tales of power, privilege, and the supernatural. Spurred on by a prophecy from three witches, Macbeth and his wife plot to murder King Duncan and take his throne. Set in a world of cultural blending without defined borders, *Bard to Go* explores the themes and implications of the rise and fall of Macbeth as they relate to our globalized society and our potential future. This condensed version of the play, performed by six actors, will allow students to experience the plot and language of a single play in a fast-paced performance atmosphere.

Performances of *Bard to Go: Macbeth* are available on October 14, 21, and 28, and November 4. The cost to bring *Bard to Go* to your school is \$175.00.

Schools and organizations interested in booking *Bard to Go* to come to your school to perform should visit contact producer Katherine Mayberry at [maybekat@gvsu.edu](mailto:maybekat@gvsu.edu). Katherine will ask you to fill out an online form to get some initial information about your school and possible performance dates. She will then correspond with you to finalize your scheduling.

When booking, please have your first and second choice of dates ready, and decide whether you prefer a performance in a morning or an afternoon slot. The start time of performances may vary by date, because we have to take into account the travel time between schools.

A theatre space is not required for Bard to Go performances. Any space with a large, open area (approximately 22x20 feet, with at least 8-foot ceiling clearance) will do. We also request access to electrical outlets, restrooms, and a dressing area.

Please direct any questions you have about the booking process or the production to Katherine Mayberry at the above email address.

We hope to see many of you at your schools with this exciting new production!

Sincerely,

The Grand Valley Shakespeare Festival