



The Grand Valley Shakespeare Festival Invites You To Its Silver Anniversary Alumni Family Picnic and Play!!

Did you participate in the GV Shakespeare Festival? This event is for you! We invite all alumni and their families to join us in celebrating the Festival's 25 Years of existence! We will have both meat and vegetarian options. After the **FREE picnic, you can then see our 25th anniversary mainstage production of ***KING LEAR***, starring Brian Russell, *for* the special alumni price of \$5 per ticket—the price of tickets for students when the Festival began!!!**

But wait—there's more! Family, you say? How can my 8 year old sit through *King Lear*?? Good news!! She doesn't need to because we will be providing **FREE babysitting for alumni children ages 0-12 in a room adjacent to the theatre lobby. You can see the show and rest assured that your kids are well cared for and having a great time (after all, theatre majors make the **BEST** babysitters!)**

Also, there will be an evening performance of *Defy the Stars*, the new play written by alumnus Scott Watson that the festival commissioned for the silver anniversary. The production features all alumni director, cast, and production staff! It will be at 7:30 p.m. in the new Black Box Theatre and is free.

Here are the details:

What?

- ❖ **Grand Valley Shakespeare Festival Alumni Picnic and *King Lear* with Free Babysitting!**

When?

- ❖ **Sunday, October 7, 2018**

Time?

- ❖ **Picnic is from 11-1:30.**
- ❖ **Babysitting begins at 1:30 and lasts until the end of the show.**
- ❖ ***King Lear* begins at 2 pm.**
- ❖ ***Defy the Stars* begins at 7:30 pm. There is not additional babysitting for this performance (sorry).**

Where?

- ❖ **Picnic is at the Grand Ravines North Park, which is right next to GVSU off 42nd Street.**
<https://www.miottawa.org/Parks/specs/grandravinesnorth.htm>
- ❖ **Babysitting takes place in the Haas Performing Arts Center (that is, the PAC), Rm. 1721.**
- ❖ ***King Lear* will be in our regular venue, the Louis Armstrong Theatre.**

How do I RSVP?

- ❖ **Beginning September 27, we will take Reservations for the Picnic, Babysitting, *King Lear*, and *Defy the Stars*. You will need to contact Jack Lane, Box Office Manager, at lanejack@gvsu.edu or call the Box Office at 616-331-2300. We will need to know 1. How many will attend the Picnic; 2. How Many will need babysitting (and their ages), and; 3. How many tickets you will need for the show.**
- ❖ **You can pay for the production when you arrive at the Box Office. *Defy the Stars* and the picnic are free.**

A few more details:

- ❖ **You don't need to go to either play in order to attend the picnic and vice versa.**
- ❖ **You may take your children with you to the play if you think they will enjoy it.**
- ❖ **You may come by yourself or bring your loved ones.**
- ❖ **There will be an opportunity after the show to meet the cast and to tour the new renovated facility.**
- ❖ **And, of course, you can help with strike if you want!**

Questions? Contact Karen Libman, libmank@gvsu.edu.