A DRUM, A DRUM. . ...MACBETH DOTH COME!

Shakespeare in the Park
On Tour: July 10 to August 5

April - 2012 – This summer, as you gather with your friends and family under the descent of dusk, a slow, steady rhythm pulses through the park.....tribal, growing louder, closing in upon you... "A Drum, A Drum, Macbeth doth come!"

Prophecies. Madness. Ambition. Blood. The King is dead...long live the King?

Bring your friends, your family, a picnic, and a blanket, and witness swords clashing, witches enchanting, madness and mystery entwining, and war drums pulsing!

Humber River Shakespeare Co., now in its fifth season of touring Shakespeare, presents the supernatural tragedy of "Macbeth". Led by the prophecies of witches, Macbeth conspires with his wife on an ambitious plot to rule the realm...at any cost.

His reign, baptized in blood, spirals out of control and Macbeth's deeds come back to tear him down. Tormented by visions and guilt while the costs of his crimes take their toll, what fate awaits the former war hero?

As in Shakespeare's day, performances are staged in the open air, with a focus on actors—not elaborate sets—to tell the Bard's timeless stories. "This allows us to have a direct connection with our audiences and ensures that theatre is affordable and accessible to all," says Artistic Producer Sara Moyle.

The production, directed by Artistic Director Kevin Hammond, (currently Assistant Directing at the Stratford Shakespeare Festival), is the company's first tragedy after four years of staging comedies. "We wanted to do something special for our fifth season, and many of our audience members over the last four years kept asking us when we might do our first tragedy."

Unique heritage buildings and picturesque parks continue to act as natural play spaces for the company, and several new venues and communities have been added to the tour, namely: Casa Loma, The Richmond Hill Heritage Centre and The McMichael Canadian Art Collection.

Humber River Shakespeare is proud to work with 2012 presenting partners The Ontario Trillium Foundation, The Ontario Arts Council and Arts Society King. "We are pleased to have such generous support from these organizations, which allow us to continue to create and produce professional theatre and educational programs for a growing audience base," says Moyle. "The relationships we've built with local organizations, businesses and volunteers are also essential to our success."

MACBETH
Director: Kevin Hammond
Touring: July 10 to August 5
Cast: Kanika Ambrose, Steve Coombes, Shannon Currie,
Eli Ham, Sara Moyle, Neil Silcox, David Sklar
Set Designer: Andrea Mittler **Costume Designer:** Nina Okens
Fight Director: Siobhan Richardson **Composer:** Hugh Barnett

MACBETH: Touring Schedule - Summer 2012
July 10 - August 5

July 10/11 – Dick's Dam Park, Bolton
July 12/13 – Schomberg Fairgrounds, Schomberg
July 14 – Town Park, Aurora
July 15 – Tyrwhitt Park, Kettleby
July 17 – The Richmond Hill Heritage Centre
July 18 – Bindertwine Park, Kleinburg
July 19 – McMichael Canadian Art Collection, Kleinburg
July 20 – Humber Bay Park, Toronto
July 21/22 – Alton Mill, Alton
July 24/25 – Sheridan Park, Mississauga
July 26 – Casa Loma, Toronto
July 27 – Humber Bay Park, Toronto
July 28/29 – Montgomery's Inn, Etobicoke
July 31/Aug 1 – Old Mill, Toronto
Aug 2/3 – Etienne Brule Park, Toronto
Aug 4/5 - Montgomery's Inn, Etobicoke

Performances: Tues-Sun at 7 PM
Admission: Pay-what-you-can at the park. **Suggested donation:** $15.
Patron information line: 416-209-2026 **Website:** HumberRiverShakespeare.ca

About the Humber River Shakespeare Company
Humber River Shakespeare is the first outdoor touring Shakespeare Company in the Humber Watershed and York region. Led by Artistic Producer Sara Moyle and Artistic Director Kevin Hammond, the company seeks to enrich the artistic profile of communities along the historic Humber River and beyond, by offering free, high-quality, professional performances and workshops. Humber River Shakespeare strives to produce theatrically engaging work with an emphasis on making the text understandable and accessible to both the Shakespeare novice and the experienced theatre patron.

Kevin Hammond, Artistic Director and Co-Founder is no stranger to Shakespeare's works. He spent five years as Artistic Director for Toronto's Shakespeare in the Rough (2001-2005), co-founded the Toronto Shakespeare Workout and teaches Shakespeare to young actors. Previously, Kevin was the assistant company manager for Soulpepper Theatre and Executive Assistant at The Actors' Fund of Canada. He is currently Assistant Director at the Stratford Shakespeare Festival and a participant in the Michael Langham Workshop for Classical Direction.

Sara Moyle, Artistic Producer and Co-Founder Sara attended Ryerson in Theatre Acting and completed her degree in Creative Writing from York University. She has been an artist-educator for 15 years, working with students in classrooms from the GTA to New York with Expect Theatre, Driftwood, and Shakesperience. Sara also teaches movement and yoga to high school students. As an actor, Sara has enjoyed performing in various Shakespeare productions with Driftwood Theatre, Shakespeare in the Rough, Theatre by the Bay, Spark Productions (Toronto, Philadelphia), Tempest Theatre, and Humber River Shakespeare.

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