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2nd Annual Shakespeare Cinema Celebration

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: The Utah Shakespeare Festival Education Department and Southern Utah University's Center for Shakespeare Studies are sponsoring the 2nd annual Shakespeare Cinema Celebration on April 22, 2017, in the Eileen and Allen Anes Studio Theatre. This year we are celebrating William Shakespeare's birthday (April 23) with adaptations of Shakespeare on film in an all-day movie marathon with lectures and discussions occurring before and after the viewing of each film. Participants are invited to attend any number of movies. Prizes will be awarded to those who attend every film in the celebration series. This event is free of charge and all are invited to attend. Please be aware that not all movies are appropriate for all age groups.

Utah Shakespeare Festival's Education Director and SUU's Director of Shakespeare Studies, Michael Bahr, said, "Each year the committee takes special care to select a broad range of film titles that will celebrate classics in cinema while also introducing audience members to cinema they might not have seen before. There is a wide range of film being offered from *Gnomeo and Juliet* and *She's the Man* for young audiences to the timeless *West Side Story* and *Kiss Me Kate* for classic musical adaptations."

The Cinema Celebration includes the following films:

- *Gnomeo and Juliet* (rated G) from 9:15-10:45 a.m.
- *She's The Man* (rated PG-13) from 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
- *West Side Story* (rated G) from 1-3:30 p.m.
- *Kiss Me Kate* (Not rated) from 3:45-5:45 p.m.
- *Ran* by Akira Kurosawa (rated R) from 6-8:45 p.m.
- *Shakespeare in Love* (rated R) from 9-11 p.m.

Bahr continued, "One of the highlights for this year is the Academy award-winning film *Shakespeare in Love*. The Utah Shakespeare Festival has the unique opportunity of being one of the only theatres in the country this summer producing the play which is based on the film."

Last year a diverse audience of over 120 students, professors, community members, and patrons attended. Some of the guests traveled from as far away as Flagstaff and Kingmen, Arizona.

Audience members are welcome to enjoy the seating or bring a blanket and pillow to watch the 2nd annual Shakespeare Cinema Celebration in the Eileen and Allen Anes Studio Theatre. For more information about the Utah Shakespeare Festival, please visit www.bard.org. For more information about the Center for Shakespeare Studies at SUU, please visit www.suu.edu/pva/shakespeare.

About the College of Performing and Visual Arts

The Southern Utah University College of Performing and Visual Arts is comprised of nationally accredited departments of Art and Design, Music, and Dance. The College also offers programs in Theatre Arts, graduate programs in Arts Administration and Music, as well as a Center for Shakespeare Studies. The College offers 16 different degree areas, including liberal arts Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees; professional Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Fine Arts in art and theatre degrees; and Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration, Master of Arts in Arts Administration, Master of Music Education and Master of Music in Music Technology graduate degrees. More than 60 full- and part-time faculty and staff are engaged in teaching and mentoring nearly 600 majors in the College. Over 1,100 students enroll each year in over 195 arts classes on the SUU campus. The College presents over 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions each year. The College's affiliate organizations include the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA), Utah Shakespeare Festival and SUU's Ballroom Dance Company. For more information about the College of Performing and Visual Arts, visit www.suu.edu/pva.

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Who: Utah Shakespeare Festival Education Department and Southern Utah University's Center for Shakespeare Studies

When: April 22, 2017

Time: Various time throughout the day, starting at 9 a.m. and going through to 11 p.m.

Where: Eileen and Allen Anes Studio Theatre

Tickets: Free admission

Info: For more information, please visit www.suu.edu/pva.

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