

Neptune Theatre launches new season
with *Shakespeare in Love*, Sept. 4 – Oct. 7
on the Fountain Hall stage

August 28, 2018 (Halifax, NS) – Neptune Theatre's Fountain Hall will be transformed into Shakespeare's Globe Theatre as the 56th season kicks off with ***Shakespeare in Love***, a play based on the 1998 film of the same name. This isn't traditional theatre from the world's most famous playwright's era – this fictional play imagines Shakespeare's early years, with plenty of laughs, romance, sword fights and the much-anticipated Neptune debut of Missy the Dog. ***Shakespeare in Love*** runs from **Sept. 4 to Oct. 7** on the Fountain Hall stage.

Media Call Notice:

Tuesday, Sept. 4 – 12:30-1:30 p.m. Fountain Hall, [1593 Argyle Street, Halifax](#)
All members of the media are welcome to attend for photo, video and interview opportunities.
Please contact Renée Horton (communications@neptunetheatre.com, 902-329-9905) for any interview requests at your earliest convenience.

Playwright Will Shakespeare (Allister MacDonald) struggles to write his next play against a fast approaching deadline. He finds his muse and inspiration in Viola De Lesseps (Sarah English) - a beautiful young woman who will stop at nothing to appear in his next play. A series of schemes, disguises and a love affair lead to what will become Will's greatest masterpiece, *Romeo & Juliet*.

"This is my first season as Artistic Director and I couldn't be prouder to kick it off with ***Shakespeare in Love***," says Artistic Director and the play's director, Jeremy Webb. "Not only do I get the chance to guide a wonderful cast, most of whom are from Nova Scotia, but I'm given the challenging task of directing a play in Shakespeare's world, which includes choreographed sword fights and directing scenes with the adorable dog, Missy."



The play is based on the 1998 film *Shakespeare in Love* written by [Marc Norman](#) and [Tom Stoppard](#) adapted for the stage by Lee Hall. The story centres on an imaginary love affair involving Shakespeare and Viola De Lesseps, the daughter of a wealthy merchant. Shakespeare is stalled writing his latest play and Viola inspires him to complete [Romeo and Juliet](#). The movie version, on which the play is based, won seven [Academy Awards](#), including [Best Picture](#), beating Steven Spielberg's *Saving Private Ryan*.

The creative team is Director Jeremy Webb, Musical Director Chuck Homewood, Choreographer Mary Lou Martin, Set and Costume Designer Joanna Yu, Fight Director Karen Bassett, and Stage Manager Krista Blackwood.

Tickets can be purchased online at [neptunetheatre.com](#), by phone at 902-429-7070 or toll-free 1-800-565-7345, or in person at the Box Office, [1593 Argyle Street](#).

Neptune Theatre kicked off its 56th season with the summer production *The Argyle Street Kitchen Party*. The remainder of the new season has been announced and subscriptions and single tickets are available for purchase. Located at [1593 Argyle Street](#), Neptune boasts two newly renovated stages: Fountain Hall and the Scotiabank Stage, plus a year-round Theatre School. Find out more about Neptune Theatre on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube channel NeptuneHFX.

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