

Stockton Celebrates Shakespeare Series: Aquila Theatre Company Performs 'Twelfth Night'

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Earl of Oxford, William Shakespeare, requests an audience for the acclaimed Aquila Theatre's performance of one of his funniest and most charming comedies, *Twelfth Night* at the Stockton Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2013.

Show time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$32 and may be ordered online at www.stocktonpac.org or by calling the Box Office at (609) 652-9000. The Box Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 90 minutes before the performance. For group sales, call (609) 652-4786.

Written in 1600 and set against a background of romance and mystery, this hilarious story of identical twins and mistaken identity, set in the mystical world of Illyria, explores the universal themes of love and all its ambiguous effects on human behavior.

Aquila will take this great Shakespearean masterpiece and infuse it with their unique brand of innovative and exciting theatricality. Aquila's creative team will free the essential spirit of the play in a production that will be both faithful to Shakespeare and relevant and accessible to a modern audience. This contemporary production will still encompass and enhance the shipwrecks, duels, love and jealousy, disguises, suspicion, and ultimate reconciliation of Shakespeare's superb text. Aquila's excellent British/American ensemble of professional actors will bring their unique experience, dedication and creativity to major stages across America.

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With a remarkable original musical score, Aquila's much-admired brand of innovative design and unique physical approach, this production of *Twelfth Night* is an experience not to be missed.

Aquila Theatre's mission is to make classical works accessible. A play becomes 'classical' when it transcends the original culture for which it was created. It retains the power to provoke the central question of what it means to be human. As a company dedicated to the classics, Aquila feels a responsibility to acknowledge and explore newfound classical works. Founded in London in 1991 by Peter Meineck, Aquila is now based in New York City.

For patrons with special needs, the Stockton Performing Arts Center offers wheelchair accessible seating, large type programs, and listening assistive devices. Please identify any needs you may have when making a reservation.

The Stockton Performing Arts Center, the Jersey Shore's Center for the Arts, is located on the campus of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, on Jim Leeds Road in Pomona (Galloway Township). Just 12 miles west of Atlantic City, the Center is easily accessible from the Garden State Parkway and the Atlantic City Expressway.

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