

**Shakespeare's
August Lovers
Love Scenes From Shakespeare
and Beyond
August 20, 2026**



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Shakespeare's August Lovers Synopses and Casts In Speaking Appearance Order

Romeo and Juliet I.5

The young lovers meet at a party.

Capulet – Jason Compton
Romeo – Ben Seidensticker
Maria – Madeleine O'Keefe
Tybalt – Mitch Taylor
Lady Capulet – Deanna Summerlott
Juliet – Marielle Shiring
Nurse – Laura Kochanowski
Benvolio – Shelton Tripp

A Midsummer Night's Dream III.2

Confused, charmed, and/or plain love-sick, the lovers quarrel on a mystically charged night.

Demetrius – Shelton Tripp
Oberon – Jason Compton
Puck – Marielle Shiring
Lysander – Ben Seidensticker
Helena – Laura Kochanowski
Hermia – Madeleine O'Keefe

Edward the Fourth IV.2 (Heywood)

At the Mayor of London's party, the King meets his future mistress—with her husband.

Mayor Crosby – Mitch Taylor
Matthew Shore – Shelton Tripp
Jane Shore – Laura Kochanowski
Edward – Jason Compton
Howard – Ben Seidensticker
Tom Sellinger – Deanna Summerlott
Messenger – Marielle Shiring

Troilus and Cressida IV.2

In war-torn Troy, trouble comes quickly to a new pair of lovers.

Troilus – Mitch Taylor
Cressida – Deanna Summerlott
Pandarus – Jason Compton
Aeneas – Shelton Tripp

Much Ado About Nothing V.2

Messina is in disarray after Claudio slandered and shamed Hero at their truncated wedding.

Benedick – Shelton Tripp
Margaret – Madeleine O'Keefe
Beatrice – Laura Kochanowski

Cyrano de Bergerac III.6 (Rostand)

Two suitors form a strange alliance to woo the radiant Roxane.

Christian – Ben Seidensticker
Cyrano – Jason Compton
Roxane – Deanna Summerlott

The Way of the World IV.5 (Congreve)

Two combative lovers are inching closer and closer to a marriage contract — with provisos.

Millamant – Madeleine O'Keefe
Edward Mirabell – Ben Seidensticker

The Merry Wives of Windsor V.5

The people of Windsor pay back Sir John Falstaff for his obnoxious, lusty conduct.

Falstaff – Mitch Taylor
Mistress Ford – Deanna Summerlott
Mistress Page – Laura Kochanowski
Master Page – Jason Compton
Master Ford – Shelton Tripp
Parson Hugh – Madeleine O'Keefe
Anne Page – Marielle Shiring
Master Fenton – Ben Seidensticker

Shakespeare's August Lovers Crew

Stage Manager – Emma Hinker
Obligatory Substitute SM – Jason Summerlott
Costume & Props Design – Julia Tlapa
Dance Captain – Mitch Taylor
Based upon original direction and choreography by Joseph Green

Produced for MSC by Jason Compton,
text adapted by Compton and Green

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MSC's special thanks to: Madison Theatre Guild,
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Musician Matt Blair, the City of Middleton, and
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Tonight's program is 90 minutes, without
intermission.

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2026 - 2027 INDOOR SEASON

Romeo & Juliet

November 6-21: Capulets. Montagues. And
above the conflict, a soaring love.
The best-known English play, for good reason.
Directed by Grant Borcharding on the Drury Stage.

A Valentine's Affair

February 11-13: Love Scenes From Shakespeare
and Beyond! Classic tales of love, loss, and
longing from the masters.
Presented on the Evjue Stage.

Marriage à la Mode

April 30 - May 8: Restoration comedy mayhem of
prying eyes, terrible timing, obvious lies,
mistaken identity, and last-minute rescues!
Directed by Evy Gildrie-Voyles on the Evjue Stage.

MSC programs year-round! For tickets to all
Bartell presentations listed above, see a box office
representative or visit bartelltheatre.org

For information on our outdoor programming,
including summer mainstage shows and
Shakespeare In the Park, visit us at
madisonshakespeare.org

And our final Summer 2026
presentation will be The Romeo and
Juliet Balcony Battle, a remix of
tonight's show at Tyrannena Brewing
Company in Lake Mills, WI!
August 22-23, 2 PM

Order Beer Like Shakespeare! Learn and practice a new skill.

1. Take away these chalices. Go brew me a pottle of sack finely. [Falstaff, *The Merry Wives of Windsor*]
2. Go fetch me a quart of sack; put a toast in't. [Falstaff, *The Merry Wives of Windsor*]
3. Give me some wine; fill full. I drink to th' general joy o' th' whole table, and to our dear friend Banquo, whom we miss. Would he were here! [Macbeth, *Macbeth*]
4. When the butt is out, we will drink water. Not a drop before. Therefore bear up and board 'em.—Servant-monster, drink to me. [Stephano, *The Tempest*]
5. Stay, give me drink.—Hamlet, this pearl is thine. Here's to thy health. [Claudius, *Hamlet*]
6. A plague of all cowards, I say, and a vengeance too! Marry and amen!—Give me a cup of sack, boy. [Falstaff, *Henry IV pt. 1*]
7. If I had a thousand sons, the first human principle I would teach them should be to forswear thin potations and to addict themselves to sack. [Falstaff, *Henry IV pt. 2*]
8. Where art thou, keeper? Give me a cup of wine. [Clarence, *Richard III*]
9. I have a stoup of wine; and here without are a brace of Cyprus gallants that would fain have a measure to the health of black Othello. [Iago, *Othello*]
10. Put this in any liquid thing you will and drink it off, and if you had the strength of twenty men, it would dispatch you straight. [Apothecary, *Romeo and Juliet*]
11. I'll heat his blood with Greekish wine tonight, which with my scimitar I'll cool tomorrow. [Achilles, *Troilus and Cressida*]
12. Thou 'rt a scholar. Let us therefore eat and drink. Marian, I say, a stoup of wine! [Sir Toby Belch, *Twelfth Night*]
13. Give me a bowl of wine. In this I bury all unkindness. [Brutus, *Julius Caesar*]
14. Give me a bowl of wine: I have not that alacrity of spirit, Nor cheer of mind, that I was wont to have. [Richard III, *Richard III*]