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Camp Shakespeare offers a free theatre experience for Pittsfield youngsters

Free week-long acting camp focuses on "The Tempest"

"Go, bring the rabble" —Prospero, The Tempest

PITTSFIELD, MA — Pittsfield Shakespeare in the Park launches "Camp Shakespeare", a free week-long camp for Pittsfield youth aged 9–13 focused on Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, culminating in a public performance on the First Street Common. The camp is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pittsfield with support from the Pittsfield Boys & Girls Club.

Camp Shakespeare will be held at the Pittsfield Boys & Girls Club (16 Melville St) from Monday, July 25 through Friday, July 29, from 9am to 3pm daily. The young actors will then perform for the public at 7pm on Friday July 29 on the First Street Common, immediately preceding the 8pm "mainstage" performance of *The Tempest* that evening.

Camp Shakespeare teachers include artists Barby Cardillo and Enrico Spada. Cardillo has been an artist and educator in the Berkshires for over twenty years, teaching with CATA, WAM Theatre, Barrington Stage, Shakespeare & Company and more. Spada is the founder of Pittsfield Shakespeare in the Park and an educator with nine years of experience teaching Shakespeare to kids of all ages.

To sign up, visit <http://www.pittsfieldshakespeare.org/camp-shakespeare>. For questions, email education@pittsfieldshakespeare.org or call 413-367-4253. Enrollment will be limited to 14 students.

PSP's *The Tempest*—its third annual free production—opens July 21 and runs for twelve performances, Thursdays through Sundays at 8pm, ending August 7. Performances take place at the First Street Common in Pittsfield, located next to the Zion Lutheran Church. Admission is free. Berkshire Money Management is the lead sponsor for *The Tempest*, with additional support from Berkshire Bank, Berkshire Gas, Greylock Federal Credit Union, the Feigenbaum Foundation, and the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

ABOUT PITTSFIELD SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

Launched in the summer of 2014, Pittsfield Shakespeare in the Park presents fully-produced performances of Shakespeare's plays under the evening sky for free to the public. More than 5,000 people have enjoyed its first two productions, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (2014 in Springside Park) and *Romeo and Juliet* (2015 on the First Street Common).

For photos of past shows visit <http://www.pittsfieldshakespeare.org/photos>

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