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BAY AREA SHAKESPEARE CAMP RETURNS TO BERKELEY'S JOHN HINKEL PARK THIS SUMMER

First time back since 2018!

After a hiatus since summer of 2018 from Berkeley's John Hinkel Park, San Francisco Shakespeare Festival announces the return of Bay Area Shakespeare Camp for ages 7-10 and 11-13 at this popular location. Campers will meet July 24-Aug 4, weekdays, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Precare, 8:30-9:00 am and aftercare, 3:00-5:30 pm, is included with registration.

Berkeley camps will feature a new curriculum that includes a schedule of activities and exercises specific to the two distinct age groups. Shakespeare Groundlings (ages 7-10) and Shakespeare Players (ages 11-13) will engage with their own peers while learning about the world of performance and Shakespeare in Berkeley's bucolic Hinkel Park, 41 Somerset Place. As always, a performance of an abridged Shakespeare play will be staged by campers for an audience of family and friends on the final day of camp in the dramatic outdoor amphitheater.

San Francisco Shakespeare Festival expanded this popular summer program in 1998 to include a site in Berkeley and Hinkel Park soon became one of the most popular venues offered. In addition to the sylvan environment that the park provides, the Hinkel Park Amphitheater offers inspiration that helps elevate camper performances.

The Festival received numerous inquiries about the Berkeley Shakespeare Camps each season that it was absent. Camps initially went offline in Hinkel Park due to extensive renovations that were taking place in 2019. Then there

was the 'great shut-down' that began in 2020 due to the pandemic. During that time the Festival's [Education Workgroup](#) revamped favorite camp activities as well as added new ones that reaffirm the Festival's mission of sharing Shakespeare's work in a collaborative and reflective manner and filtered through an anti-racist and community-centric lens.

We are grateful to Berkeley Park and Rec whose help was instrumental in securing this popular location for the return of Shakespeare Camp

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Note to Editor: To schedule an interview with members of the Education Workgroup please email sfshakes@sfshakes.org or call 415-865-4422.



Bay Area Shakespeare Campers getting ready to perform at Berkeley's John Hinkel Park.

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Audience at Berkeley's John Hinkel Park, anticipating Bay Area Shakespeare Camp performance.

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Bay Area Shakespeare Campers entering performance area at Berkeley's John Hinkel Park.

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