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Santa Cruz Shakespeare presents *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*

William Shakespeare's romantic comedy opens at The Grove in DeLaveaga Park on August 4, 2017.

Santa Cruz, CA – Santa Cruz Shakespeare is proud to present *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* by William Shakespeare. *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*, the third play in Santa Cruz Shakespeare's 2017 repertory season, previews August 1 through August 3, and opens on Friday, August 4, 2017, at 8:00 pm. All performances are at The Grove in DeLaveaga Park and run through September 3, 2017. A free grounding youth ticket is available with the purchase of an adult ticket.

The Two Gentlemen of Verona, a romantic comedy, follows the friendship of two men, Valentine and Proteus, who are parting ways. Valentine moves to Milan to better himself through education and career development, while Proteus stays in Verona to be with his love, Juliet. The men are reunited when Proteus is sent by his father to the Duke's court in Milan. Both men fall for the Duke's daughter, Silvia. Will their friendship be put to the test? Will either man end up with their one true love?

The Two Gentlemen of Verona features Brian Smolin as 'Proteus,' Rowan Vickers as 'Valentine,' Grace Rao as 'Julia,' and Tristan Cunningham as 'Silvia.' Rounding out the cast are Allen Gilmore, Annie Worden, Lindsay Rico, Adam Schroeder, and Patty Gallagher. The production also features audience favorite, Crab the dog, in a furry, friendly partnership with the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter.

The Two Gentlemen of Verona is directed by Art Manke, whose productions with SCS include *The Liar* and with the previous Shakespeare Santa Cruz include *Bach at Leipzig* and *The Three Musketeers*. Scenic co-design is by Annie Smart and Chrissy Curl, costume design is by B. Modern, sound design by Steven Cahill, and lighting design by Kent Dorsey.

- WHAT:** *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*
By William Shakespeare, directed by Art Manke
- WHEN:** Previews: August 1, 2, 3, Opening: August 4 playing through September 3
Pre-show discussion on August 3 at 7:00 pm
Post-show discussions on August 5 and 12 (after matinee)
Evening performances start at 7:30 PM and 8:00 PM,
matinee performances start at 2:00 PM.
- WHERE:** The Grove in DeLaveaga Park, 501 Upper Park Rd, Santa Cruz CA
- TICKETS:** **Online:** www.santacruzshakespeare.org/tickets
By Phone: 831-460-6399
Ticket Office Phone Hours: Tuesday–Friday 12:00 PM–5:00 PM
- TICKET PRICES:** \$25 – \$55 for single tickets. Member tickets, group rates, student and senior discounts, and special preview prices are available.
\$25 Rush tickets are available one hour prior to performances.

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