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Santa Cruz Shakespeare presents *Romeo & Juliet*

William Shakespeare's most iconic love story opens on July 27, 2018

Santa Cruz, CA – Santa Cruz Shakespeare is proud to present *Romeo & Juliet* by William Shakespeare. The second play to open Santa Cruz Shakespeare's 2018 repertory season, previews are July 24 through July 26, with an opening on Friday, July 27 at 8:00 pm. All performances are at The Grove in DeLaveaga Park and run through September 1, 2018.

Romeo & Juliet director, Laura Gordon happily returns to Santa Cruz Shakespeare where she directed *Much Ado About Nothing* in the 2015 season. The production features Isabel Pask as Juliet and Taha Mandviwala as Romeo. Scenic design is by Erik Flatmo costume design by B. Modern, lighting design by Kent Dorsey, and sound design and composition by Festival favorite Rody Ortega.

Artistic Director Mike Ryan shares his excitement for the first comedy of the Festival season, saying, "This 2018 season is a love letter to our community. It is organized around the inspiration you have given to us: Desire will not be denied. I cannot think of a better way to celebrate our fifth-year anniversary than a season that exemplifies what we are all about: creating great art and building community in the process.

- WHAT:** *Romeo & Juliet*
By William Shakespeare, directed by Laura Gordon
- WHEN:** Previews: July 24-26, Opening: July 27 playing through September 1
Pre-show discussion on July 26 at 7:00 pm
Post-show discussion on August 4 (after 2pm matinee)
- 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 - \$56 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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