



*The course of true love never did run smooth.*  
A Midsummer Night's Dream, Act I, Scene 1

November 2011

As we write this letter, we are facing a significant funding challenge. Last year, due to a one-time grant from the Fund For the Arts and the City of Buffalo to partially replace eliminated Erie County Funding, and thanks to record-breaking membership and donations, Shakespeare in Delaware Park was able to successfully mount its summer 2011 productions. **This year however, without the Fund For the Arts, we depend upon the success of this fundraising appeal to ensure a top-notch summer 2012 season.** Our mission is to provide free, **high quality** professional theatre to enrich, inspire, and entertain. Please help us achieve our mission and once again show your much-needed support of Shakespeare in Delaware Park by responding to this appeal to the fullest extent your heart and wallet allows!

- For 36 years, Shakespeare in Delaware Park has remained FREE to all.
- We are a beloved WNY summer tradition.
- We have entertained over 1.5 million people.
- We are one of the largest outdoor festivals and the second oldest in the country!
- We employ over 100 theatre professionals each year, providing work in the summer when there are very few other opportunities. These people live in Western New York and spend their income here.

Every year, we find ways to cut expenses without significantly affecting quality and service. We are making great progress in securing new sources of income. But, as in the past, we need and depend upon the support of generous individuals in the community like you. PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO SHAKESPEARE IN DELAWARE PARK TODAY. Donate online at our secure website:

**[www.shakespeareindelawarepark.org](http://www.shakespeareindelawarepark.org)** or mail your tax-deductible contribution to: Shakespeare in Delaware Park, PO Box 716, Buffalo, NY 14205 in the envelope provided.



We are extremely grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

Lisa Ludwig Kramer, Managing Director

Saul Elkin, Founder, Artistic Director

Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation for 2010, in the amount of:

☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$150 ☐ \$250 ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Gift membership for:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Check if you would like information on our Fabulous Feast, March 19, 2011.

Please make checks payable to Shakespeare in Delaware Park, Inc. OR Charge to:

☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_