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Ford House and Grosse Pointe Theatre Partner for Immersive Shakespeare Stroll This Summer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES, MI (June 27, 2024) — The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House and Grosse Pointe Theatre are thrilled to announce a unique theatrical collaboration this summer: The Shakespeare Stroll. This immersive event, taking place on Thursday, August 8th, starting at 6 p.m., invites audiences to explore the scenic grounds of Ford House while enjoying scenes from Shakespeare's most beloved plays.

As a ticket holder, you will embark on a theatrical journey, stopping at six locations throughout the estate. At each stop, Grosse Pointe Theatre's talented actors will perform a different scene from a classic Shakespeare play. The evening will feature excerpts from works like "Romeo and Juliet," "Hamlet," and "A Midsummer Night's Dream," promising a delightful and memorable experience for all.

To enhance the stroll, attendees will be treated to a selection of delicious hors d'oeuvres and beverages throughout the evening.

"We are excited to partner with Grosse Pointe Theatre to offer this one-of-a-kind event," said Tommy Karr, Director of Communications & Engagement for Ford House. "The Shakespeare Stroll will allow guests to experience the beauty of the estate in a new and engaging way while enjoying the timeless works of Shakespeare."

Linda Zublick, Executive Director of Grosse Pointe Theatre, added, "This collaboration is a fantastic opportunity for our actors to showcase their talents in a unique setting. We believe the audience will love the combination of Shakespeare's words, the historic Ford House, and the lovely summer evening atmosphere."

Tickets for the Shakespeare Stroll are \$50 or \$75 per person. The \$50 tickets give guests admission to the Shakespeare Stroll plus one drink ticket and light bites. The \$75 tickets give guests admission to the

Shakespeare Stroll, two drink tickets, light bites, and an exclusive afterglow in the Lake Shore Room with desserts and a special final performance. Tickets go on sale Tuesday, July 9, and can be purchased online at <u>www.fordhouse.org</u> or by phone at 313-884-4222. While the grounds are vast, tickets are limited for this intimate evening, so don't miss this opportunity to experience Shakespeare in a whole new way!

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About Ford House

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization and National Historic Landmark dedicated to preserving and sharing the legacy of the Ford Family. Ford House is located at 1100 Lake Shore Rd. in Grosse Pointe Shores. The historic lakeside estate was the family home of Edsel Ford – Henry and Clara Ford's only son – where he lived with his wife Eleanor and their children beginning in 1928. Since 1978, Ford House has welcomed hundreds of thousands of visitors to share Eleanor Ford's vision of preserving the estate for future generations through interpretive tours, family activities, lectures, exhibits, gardens, and grounds events. It inspires, educates, and engages visitors by exploring its unique connections to art, design, history, and the environment while celebrating family traditions and community relationships. For more information, visit <u>www.fordhouse.org</u> or call (313) 884-4222, and connect with Ford House on Facebook (<u>www.facebook.com/eefordhouse</u>) and Instagram (<u>www.instagram.com/eefordhouse</u>).

About Grosse Pointe Theatre

Grosse Pointe Theatre is a not-for-profit organization that has been providing wonderful theater for Southeast Michigan customers since 1948 and continues to delight audiences with its blend of musicals, dramas, and comedies. Their volunteer members are passionate about all aspects of theater, from set design and construction, lighting, sound, and costuming to singing, dancing, and acting. In addition to its main stage and "black-box" productions, its Youth on Stage program offers young people an opportunity to learn skills in performing arts—skills that translate into valuable life skills. Local high-school students also have a chance to benefit from Grosse Pointe Theatre's annual scholarship program. For more information, visit <u>www.gpt.org</u> or call (313) 884-4004, and connect with Grosse Pointe Theatre on Facebook (<u>www.facebook.com/grossepointetheatre</u>) and Instagram (<u>www.instagram.com/grossepointetheatre</u>).

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