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PRODUCTION INFORMATION:

William Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing
August 12th -15th, 2010- Show times TBA
The Islands Center at Knight Point State Park
in North Hero- Bleacher seating.
Adults \$20 (includes park fee for the day)
Children under 12 free
Flyntix.org or (802)863-5966
Tickets also available at the door and
Champlain Islands Chamber Office (802) 372-8400.
Event and rain info (877) 874-1911

Vermont Shakespeare Company Returns to the Champlain Islands For SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

THE CHAMPLAIN ISLANDS- Vermont Shakespeare Company is announcing their return to the Champlain Islands for their fourth season of **Shakespeare in the Park**. Their outdoor production of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* will be performed on August 12th -15th, 2010 at The Islands Center at Knight Point State Park.

Artistic Director Jena Necrason and Executive Director John Nagle took a year off from producing theatre and had a baby in 2009. Plans to do **Shakespeare in the Park** 2009 were put on hold when the couple found out they were expecting, and in true theatrical fashion, their son Jackson made a dramatic early entrance in August!

The couple and their company of actors are excited to return to northern Vermont this year, where they have found a summer home in the Champlain Islands. They have been supported by a fantastic and appreciative community who are thrilled to have professional theatre brought to their backyard. VSC Executive Director John Nagle will direct the production. Nagle promises it will entertain with fast-paced physical staging that will give the audience a thrilling new appreciation of Shakespeare. "Our productions are appropriate for all ages- past audiences have ranged in age from six to eighty-six. We encourage people to make a day of it; come to the park early and have a picnic and enjoy the beautiful beach and swimming area."

The outdoor performances are performed by a cast of professional actors from New York and Vermont, on a stage nestled in the woods. VSC audience favorite Dan Matisa (Bottom in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Malvolio in *Twelfth Night*, and both Antipholi in *The Comedy of Errors*) will return for his fourth season with the company. Local favorite Mark Roberts has also been cast in the show.

Plans are in development to bring professional outdoor Shakespeare to other areas in Vermont in the coming years, with a goal of creating a viable Summer Shakespeare Festival. The company is seeking other venues and potential producing partners in working toward this goal.

Tickets are \$20 for adults (park admission included) and are free for children under 12. Reservations are recommended. For more information call (877) 874-1911 or www.vermontshakespeare.org
This project is supported in part by The Vermont Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For an electronic version of this press release, more information, high resolution production images, complimentary press passes, or an interview with the director/creative team, please contact Tracy Liz Miller, Marketing Director (347)423-6181 or tracy@vermontshakespeare.org



Executive Director John Nagle,
Artistic Director Jena Necrason and
their son Jackson



Shakespeare in the Park 2005
A Midsummer Night's Dream



Shakespeare in the Park 2006
Twelfth Night



Shakespeare in the Park 2008
The Comedy of Errors