

News Release

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Here's Something New for Miami Teens This Summer: Shakespeare Camp

Little Revolt, a Miami-based nonprofit theater and arts organization, is proud to announce a new summer camp for teens: Shakespeare Camp, to be held July 27 through August 11, 2017 at the historic Curtiss Mansion in Miami Springs, Florida.

Little Revolt Founder and Artistic Director, Samuel Chesser, promises that campers should expect something different: namely, fun. “This isn’t the Shakespeare that many of us know from English class,” he says. “That’s great, and I really love teachers, but at Little Revolt, Shakespeare is more about doing than reading.” Chesser believes that Shakespeare’s plays were not meant to be read—but were meant to be performed and enjoyed. “We take an active approach. From day one at Shakespeare camp, students will be up on their feet DOING Shakespeare.”

Chesser says he and his team of instructors will balance short learning exercises with activities, including acting, improvisation, stage combat, costuming, old-English dancing, and crafts. Teen campers will practice Shakespeare’s original staging conditions, learn about the theaters where Shakespeare’s acting troupe performed, and participate in talk-back sessions with adult actors. Plus, students will be cast in a show, which they will rehearse and perform on the final day of camp.

The backdrop for Shakespeare Camp and the final student performance will be the historic Curtiss Mansion in Miami Springs, which is centrally located near the Miami International Airport between Doral, Hialeah, Coral Gables and Wynwood. “We’re delighted to host this program at the Curtiss Mansion,” says Melinda Jester, the Mansion’s Executive Director. “We love inspiring student creativity. Little Revolt’s program of engaging young people with theater is wonderful.”

Chesser says that any teen who wants to be part of the experience is welcome, and his group is accepting contributions to help cover the Camp fee for lower income students. (Just email him if you would like to assist, info@littlerevolt.org).

Miami Shakespeare Camp – At A Glance:

Miami Shakespeare Camp for Teens (ages 13-17)

July 27 – August 11, 2017

At the beautiful and historic Curtiss Mansion, 500 Deer Run Miami Springs, Florida

Little Revolt's Shakespeare Camp for teens is a twelve-day fun and immersive experience in the heart of Miami. Shakespeare Camp activities include: Shakespeare original staging practices, costuming, talk-back sessions with adult actors, acting exercises, improvisation, movement, safe stage combat, Elizabethan era dance lessons, and more. Camp culminates in a final student performance. Shakespeare Camp is an intense, fun, busy, creative, and joyful 12 days. Our aim is to create memories which will last a lifetime.

Additional Info:

LittleRevolt.org

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Registration Deadline: July 12, 2017

Register online at LittleRevolt.org

Camp fee: \$440 for the entire 12-day camp, includes a camp t-shirt

The final camp performance on the evening of August 11 will be free and open to the public.

Little Revolt Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) theater and arts organization located in Miami, Florida. Little Revolt's aim is to make lives better, communities brighter and schools stronger through participative theater and arts. Little Revolt provides live performances and theater workshops, including Stories & Shakes, Community Shakespeare Workshops, In-School Classical Theater Residencies, Encore Programs for older adults (such as theater workshops at senior centers), and more. The organization's motto is "theater for the people, by the people and of the people." Additional information is available at LittleRevolt.org.

The Curtiss Mansion is the beautifully restored former Florida home of aviation pioneer, inventor and developer, Glenn H. Curtiss. The Pueblo Revival style mansion is a designated site on the National Register of Historic Places. The Mansion is a gathering place for local community groups and a variety of events that are open to the public. Managed by Curtiss Mansion, Inc., a nonprofit organization, on behalf of the City of Miami Springs, this architecturally unique venue is available for private rentals for meetings, weddings and other celebrations. Additional information is available at CurtissMansion.com.