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**BURBAGE & BARD** presents William Shakespeare's *JULIUS CAESAR*  
*Burbage Theatre Co.'s 2nd Annual FREE Summer Shakespeare event*

PAWTUCKET, RI (April 28, 2019) - The Burbage Theatre Co. announces its 2nd Annual *Free Summer Shakespeare* event in Pawtucket entitled *Burbage & Bard*. This year's production will be a fully staged, outdoor production of William Shakespeare's *JULIUS CAESAR*, directed by Jeff Church, and for the first time will include performances in East Providence..

This production will be staged at Pawtucket's **Veterans Memorial Amphitheater** (175 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket RI 02860), the **Isle Brewers Guild** (461 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860) and **Rose Larisa Memorial Park** (701 Bullocks Point Avenue, Riverside, RI 02915). Check below for specific dates and times.

“After our incredibly successful production of ‘the Complete Works of William Shakespeare [abridged]’ last summer, we decided it was time to upgrade our free summer event to a **fully realized, completely free production of one of Shakespeare’s great plays**. We landed on his indelible political thriller, *Julius Caesar*,” said Artistic Director Jeff Church, “This *Caesar* will be something of a remount of our highly acclaimed, but sparsely attended production of *Caesar* back in 2014. This is a play that is endlessly relevant; as long as we question the judgement of our leaders and their capacity to serve the good of their people, *Julius Caesar* will serve as a warning for generations to come. But, it’s relevance aside, **the play is just simply and absolutely thrilling—a conspiracy thoroughly rife with riveting language and intrigue**. A highly entertaining glimpse at a great event in the history of civilization and then of its repercussions. And all of this is *free for everyone*, from Burbage to our community.”

*JULIUS CAESAR* runs for twelve performances, from July 25 to August 11 in Pawtucket & East Providence.

**ADMISSION IS COMPLETELY FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Seating will be provided at the Isle Brewers Guild & Veterans Memorial Amphitheater.

Please bring lawn chairs and/or blankets to Rose Larisa Memorial Park.

For more information email us at [info@burbagetheatre.org](mailto:info@burbagetheatre.org) or call (401) 484-0355.

*Members of the Press are invited to any performance in our first weekend of Productions.*

See 'Calendar of Performances' below for specific Press Dates.

### **JULIUS CAESAR CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCES**

Thursday July 25 at 7pm **Veterans Memorial Amphitheater** (175 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket RI 02860) **PRESS**

Friday July 26 at 7pm **Veterans Memorial Amphitheater** (175 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket RI 02860) **PRESS**

Saturday July 27 at 7pm the **Veterans Memorial Amphitheater** (175 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket RI 02860) **PRESS**

Sunday July 28 at 6pm the **Isle Brewers Guild** (461 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860) **PRESS**

Thursday August 1 at 7pm the **Isle Brewers Guild** (461 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860)

Friday August 2 at 7pm the **Isle Brewers Guild** (461 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860)

Saturday August 3 at 7pm the **Isle Brewers Guild** (461 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860)

Sunday August 4 at 6pm the **Isle Brewers Guild** (461 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860)

Thursday August 8 at 7pm the **Isle Brewers Guild** (461 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860)

Friday August 9 at 7pm **Rose Larisa Park** (701 Bullocks Point Avenue, Riverside, RI 02915)

Saturday August 10 at 7pm *Location TBD*

Sunday August 11 at 6pm **Rose Larisa Park** (701 Bullocks Point Avenue, Riverside, RI 02915)

#### **ABOUT JULIUS CAESAR**

**“There’s a right way and a wrong way to do Shakespeare — and certainly a right and a wrong way to introduce modern touches without ruining the beauty of the language and action — and then there is the Burbage way, which could actually ruin audiences for any other company.”** —*Providence Journal*

**“This is what we go to the theatre for... Burbage Theatre Co is making Shakespeare come alive in a bare bones but vital production that places primacy on the sheer power of the spoken word... see this ‘JULIUS CAESAR’ now while you can, ‘cause if you don’t, you’ll be lying to people 20 years from now that you did.”**

—*East Bay RI (August 2014)*

The Burbage Theatre Co. presents a play about men who make mistakes; great men whose choice to act was met with grave consequences. In 44 BC on March 15th, certain members of the Roman Senate, as a means of preventing the ascension of a dictator, murdered Julius Caesar, one of the great rulers of the ancient world. Led by the infamous Marcus Brutus in the name of honor and the general good, the faction of senators stabbed Caesar thirty three times on the floor of the Senate. What resulted was civil discord and the dividing of a great empire. Shakespeare’s masterpiece is a discourse on how politics can be personal, and how political ideals, while honorable in theory, are rarely met as such.

“Julius Caesar” is among Shakespeare's most violent, and most political, plays. Its great themes—the wages of faction and conspiracy, the chaos that follows the downfall of a dictator—are as central to public life now as they were to Elizabethan England.” —*The Wall Street Journal*