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## Arena Players Present 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Shakespeare Festival on the Vanderbilt Courtyard Stage

Twelfth Night in July and Macbeth in August

CENTERPORT, NY (June 26, 2012) – The Arena Players Repertory Theatre will present its 24<sup>th</sup> annual Summer Shakespeare Festival in the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum's mansion courtyard stage. In addition, the Players will present the drama *The Woolgatherer* and the Arena Players Children's Theatre will perform *Tales of Neverland: The Adventures of Peter Pan and Wendy*.

Reservations are highly suggested for all Arena Players productions. For tickets, call 516-293-0674. Visit www.ArenaPlayers.org or Facebook.com/ArenaPlayers.

## Twelfth Night and Macbeth July-August

Vanderbilt Mansion Courtyard Stage Wednesday and Friday, 8:00; Sunday, 7:00 All tickets \$15.00.

Twelfth Night will be performed every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday in July (except Friday, July 6). This popular comedy of mistaken identities, misplaced love and mad-cap antics features a love-sick duke, a



William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night

blue-nose butler, a red-nose knight, and the very funny, but touching story of twins lost at sea but reunited by love.

*Macbeth*, Shakespeare's bloodiest tragedy, will be offered during August every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday (except Friday, August 3). A play thought to be cursed, *Macbeth* is the classic

tale of the fall of a great warrior because of greed and ambition. Three witches set the stage for the ultimate choices that Macbeth must make in fulfilling his tragic destiny.

The Woolgatherer Friday, June 29 – Sunday, July 22

Vanderbilt Carriage House Theatre Friday and Saturday, 8:00; Sunday, 3:00

Tickets: \$20 Friday and Sunday, \$25 Saturday

In William Mastrosimone's drama, Rose, a shy dime-store salesgirl whose life center son reveries and daydreams, lives in a dreary Philadelphia apartment. Into her life saunters Cliff, a hardworking, hard drinking truck driver. He is rough and witty and just as starved for love as she is. This play was produced recently to great success at New York's Circle Repertory Theater – *The New York Times* said the production showed "Energy, compassion and theatrical sense."

**Arena Players Children's Theatre:** 

Tales of Neverland: The Adventures of Peter Pan and Wendy July 7-August 26

Vanderbilt Carriage House Theatre

Saturday and Sunday, 1:00

Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$8 for children. Children under 3 are free.

Children will enjoy taking part in this audience-participation version of the beloved classic *Peter Pan*.