

MONTANA SHAKES!

MONTANA SHAKES! will head to the elementary schools again this Spring!

Montana Shakespeare in the Schools was initiated in 1993 as part of our mission to provide an educational program to the communities we serve across Montana and Wyoming. After 16 years of playing high schools and middle schools, we are pleased to offer educators a program **designed specifically for elementary schools** that will begin its 2nd season with a full eight week tour of Montana and Wyoming in the spring of 2009.

We have been working closely with teachers, actors, administrators and parents to develop the program and have used all of the comments from last year's pilot project to improve the workshops and make the production more interactive and exciting. Our mission is to expose younger audiences to the beauty of Shakespeare **at their own level**.

The tour will offer a **30-minute production of scenes from Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*** with lots of audience participation from the students, new sets, costumes and props. Immediately following the play, the actors will take 15-20 minutes to allow students to ask questions of the company in an informal **"talk back" session**.

- **Up to nine workshops** will be available to each school and all are written specifically by grade level. Each of the nine workshops offered are in the areas of verse, stage combat and design. All are age appropriate and designed to get the students "doing" rather than "watching" with lots of fun games and exercises.
- Teachers will receive a complete study guide complete with all the materials needed to get the students ready for the production.
- The company consists of three professional actors who will perform and narrate the scenes, encourage audience participation in the production, take part in the "talk back" session and conduct workshops.
- Booking for MONTANA SHAKES! second season has already begun and we would like to include your school in our tour.

The tour will run from March 23-May 15.

Cost for residency is only \$750.

For information and reservations, call Kathy Jahnke at (406) 994-1220 or email at kjahnke@montana.edu.



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