

Media Alert

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No Jacket Required Presents: The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)

Comedy Returns to New York For Free Central Park Preview Performances and Theater Performances

- What:** The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)
- Cast:** Ethan Downing
Timothy Dudek
Darren St. George
- Director:** Robert Nguyen
- When:** August 14-16, 21-23, 28-30
8 p.m.
- Where:** UNDER St. Marks
94 St. Marks Place between First Avenue and Avenue A
New York, NY
(Subway: 6 at Astor Place, N/W at 8th St-NYU, F/V at 2nd Ave-Lower East Side)
- Tickets:** \$20, \$17 for students
Call 212-352-3101 or visit <http://www.shakespeareabridged.net/tickets--dates.html>
- Park Performances:** On a selection of dates in July and August, the cast of The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) will be performing highlights from their show, free of charge, in Central Park. Performances will take place on the lawn in front of the Dairy Visitor Center on: Saturday, July 19th 1:30 p.m.; Friday, July 25th 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, July 26th 1:30 p.m.; Thursday, July 31st 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, August 2nd 4:00 p.m.; Friday, August 8th 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, August 9th 1:30 p.m.

For more information, visit <http://www.shakespeareabridged.net/index.html>.

About the Show: Written by Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield, "...Shakespeare Abridged" is a hilarious, fast-paced, Monty Python-type romp through Shakespeare's plays. Three male actors take audiences through 37 plays, which are condensed down to a 90-minute free-for-all, making mincemeat of the Bard. Improvisation, audience participation, pop culture and local references are in store, as well as the fastest, funniest, "Hamlet" you're likely to see. Directed by Robert Nguyen, No Jacket Required's production of "The Complete Works..." places the audience at the center of the fun as the cast takes a baseball bat to Shakespeare's work, with their mix of pratfalls, puns, willful misreadings of names and dialogue, clunky female impersonations, clean-cut ribaldry and broad burlesque.

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