



The types of activities that will be conducted by theater companies funded by Shakespeare in American Communities include the following:

**Guthrie Theater** (Minneapolis, MN) will perform *Romeo and Juliet* directed by Artistic Director Joseph Haj. The Guthrie will continue to develop deep partnerships with underserved schools to reach an increasingly-diverse student audience. Free tickets and funding for bus transportation will be available to Title I schools to enable their participation, and interactive video technology will allow the Guthrie Theater to engage with more students in pre- and post-matinee education programs.

**Idaho Shakespeare Festival** (Boise, ID) will perform *Julius Caesar* as part of the company's Shakespeareance educational tour. Idaho Shakespeare Festival strives to reach remote communities within the vast expanse of Idaho, which has one of the lowest population densities of any state in the country. Idaho Shakespeare Festival actors will tour Shakespeare for three months driving nearly 7,000 miles and performing in isolated towns in farming and mountaintop communities.

**Indiana Repertory Theatre** (Indianapolis, IN) will perform *Romeo and Juliet*, directed by Henry Woronicz. This production is part of their mainstage season, and Indiana Rep will present 45 student matinees. With a history of working with schools located in 56 of the 82 Indiana counties, Indiana Rep will provide subsidized tickets, bus transportation, and substitute teachers for educational partners located in underserved communities.

Please view the complete [list of 40 theater companies](#) that have been selected to participate in Shakespeare in American Communities for 2017-2018.

#### **About Arts Midwest**

Arts Midwest promotes creativity, nurtures cultural leadership, and engages people in meaningful arts experiences, bringing vitality to Midwest communities and enriching people's lives. Based in Minneapolis, Arts Midwest connects the arts to audiences throughout the nine-state region of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. One of six nonprofit regional arts organizations in the United States, Arts Midwest's history spans more than 30 years. For more information, visit [artsmidwest.org](http://artsmidwest.org).

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