

SHAKESPEARE IN DETROIT

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**WCCCD HEINZ C. PRECHTER EDUCATIONAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER PRESENTS
SHAKESPEARE IN DETROIT'S "JULIUS CAESAR"**

Theater Company Opens Third Season with First Performance Downriver

TAYLOR, MICH. –March – WCCCD's Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center presents Shakespeare in Detroit's "Julius Caesar" on Friday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 5 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in advance via the Shakespeare in Detroit or WCCCD's website. The theatre is located on WCCCD's Downriver Campus at 21000 Northline Road, Taylor, MI 48180.

Site-specific theater company, Shakespeare in Detroit, will begin its third season with "Julius Caesar". The show is directed by Adam Miller-Batteau. This will mark the company's first performance outside of the city, which is an exciting moment for the company.

"It's really thrilling to be able to spread our artistic footprint in the Downriver area," said Shakespeare in Detroit founder, Sam White, who is also producing the show. "Art is supposed to connect communities and it's a beautiful thing for us to be able to do that with one of The Bard's most epic tragedies."

"Julius Caesar" will be the start of one of the company's most experimental seasons to date.

“We are so excited for our third season – an incredible mix of the traditional with the unconventional,” said White. “We are excited to kick things off with a beautiful, traditional performance of “Julius Caesar” in the gorgeous, state-of-the-art theater at WCCCD’s Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center.

The cast of “Julius Caesar” includes Dennis Kleinsmith in the title role, Barbie Weisserman as Brutus, Morgan Breon as Antony and Peter Knox as Cassius. The incredible ensemble of players is rounded out by Vanessa Sawson, Phil Rice, Eric Eilersen, Ryan Ernst, Allyson Smith, Dominique Lowell, Meredith Deighton, Kelly Rose Voigt and David Galido.

For more information on the show or to purchase tickets please call the box office at 734-374-3200.

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About the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center: The 78,000 square foot Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center features an 812-seat theatre, state-of-the-art technical amenities, studio/rehearsal space, a gallery for the visual arts and up to 12 classroom or seminar rooms, all located at the beautiful, wooded, 97-acre Wayne County Community College District’s Downriver Campus. www.wcccd.edu/about/PerformingArtsCenter.htm.

About WCCCD: WCCCD, the largest urban community college in Michigan, is a multi-campus district with six campus locations including University Center and the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE), serving 32 cities and townships, spanning more than 500 square miles. WCCCD is committed to the continued development of new programs, hosting community-based training sessions, improving student facilities and services. www.wcccd.edu