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**SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL / LA
PREMIERES OUTDOOR SUMMER PRODUCTION OF**

THE TAMING OF THE SHREW

WITH A SOUTHLAND TWIST TARGETED SPECIFICALLY TO ANGELENOS

**The 23rd Annual Shakespeare Festival/LA Summer Production Kicks Off in
Downtown L.A. July 9-20 and in Palos Verdes from July 23-27, 2008**

LOS ANGELES – (June 11, 2008) – Shakespeare Festival/LA (SF/LA), a community-based and non-profit theater company, announces its production of *The Taming of the Shrew*. The company's 23rd annual summer production adds its unique perspective by reflecting modern-day Los Angeles into the classic comic love story. *The Taming of the Shrew* will premiere on the plaza of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels (555 West Temple Ave) in Downtown Los Angeles on July 9 and run through July 20. The show will have a second run at the South Coast Botanic Garden (26300 Crenshaw Blvd) in Palos Verdes from July 23-27, 2008. All performances begin at 8 p.m.

This July's production of *The Taming of the Shrew* is set in modern day Los Angeles and examines Angelenos' negotiations with transportation, relationships and commerce. *The Taming of the Shrew* slashes through all romantic ideals to create a passionate, sexy, and funny partnership between two characters who would have been voted *Least Likely to Find a Significant Other*," says Director Ben Donenberg, "Shakespeare is saying that, no matter the odds, it's possible for two people to discover something in themselves and each other to make a deal that works."

As part of its summer production, SF/LA asks all theater-goers to bring a non-perishable food item for its Food for Thought program. The program was developed after the first-ever summer festival as a way to give back to the Los Angeles community. To date, it has generated more than \$1.5 million in food donations. Donations at this year's summer festival will benefit the Cathedral Outreach Center and the Food Bank of Southern California.

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels Performances (Downtown Los Angeles):

For each Cathedral show, Shakespeare Festival/LA offers 300 free General Admission tickets. Tickets are available via the Box Office or ShakespeareFestivalLA.org 48 hours prior to each performance. All General Admission tickets are for open seating and will be claimed onsite up until a half hour before each performance. Reserved Member seats are also available for \$25. The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels is located at 555 West Temple St, Los Angeles.

South Coast Botanic Garden Performances (Palos Verdes):

Admission to all shows at the South Coast Botanic Garden is \$20 pre-sale and \$25 at the door. All seating is 'festival style' in the garden itself. The South Coast Botanic Garden is located at 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes Peninsula.

For more information, please call the Shakespeare Festival / LA Box Office at (213) 975-9891 or visit www.ShakespeareFestivalLA.org.

Since 1985, Shakespeare Festival/LA has been a cherished community and cultural resource. Whether it's through our nationally recognized youth and education programming, or our free, high-quality outdoor productions, SF/LA is committed to making the Bard's works accessible, relevant and enriching for Angelenos from all walks of life.

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