



MEASURE FOR MEASURE By William Shakespeare

Presented November 16, 17, 19, 20, 2024

Stage Manager Christopher Prentice

Directed by Erin Sloan

L to R seated: Andie Dae, Lauren Miller, Leslie Ann Handelman, Erin Sloan,
Tom Morin, Stephanie Neuerburg, Joe Lehman

L to R standing: Christopher Prentice, Josh Carpenter, Bradley Halverson,
Christian Davis Aldridge, Benjamin Jours, George Zahora, Joe Fernandez,
Tim Kough, Derek Matson, Peter Garino

2024-2025 Theatrical Reading Season

THE WINTER'S TALE

Friday, February 21, 2025, 7:00PM – Niles-Maine District Library

Saturday, February 22, 2025, 2:00PM – Wilmette Public Library

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THE TEMPEST

Friday, April 4, 2025, 7:00PM – Niles-Maine District Library

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KING LEAR

Friday, June 13, 2025, 7:00PM – Niles-Maine District Library

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2024 Holiday Show

The Better Part of Me

by

John S. Green and Peter Garino

Directed by Peter Garino

and music from

The Frozen Robins

2024 Season

December 7, 2024

Newberry Library



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Peter Garino
Michelle Shupe

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TIMON OF ATHENS, by William Shakespeare.

Presented March 9, 2024.

Front Row (L to R): Kendal Romero, Erin Sloan, Dina Monk, Esther Williamson, Rena Ahmed, Isabella Crider.

Back Row (L to R): Tim Kough, Aaron Spencer, Josh Bernaski, Peter Garino, Richard Shavzin, Joe Fernandez, Christopher Prentice. Not pictured: Michelle Shupe



THE COMEDY OF ERRORS, by William Shakespeare.

Presented June 15, 17, 2024.

Front Row (L to R): Lorelei Sturm, Erin Sloan, Rena Ahmed, Kendal Romero, Dina Monk.

Back Row (L to R): RJ Cecott, Tim Kough, Joe Fernandez, Josh Bernaski, Aaron Spencer, Joe Lehman, Christopher Prentice, Mike Rogalski, Peter Garino, Daniel Millhouse.

THE SHAKESPEARE PROJECT OF CHICAGO
presents

A Child of the Century

based on the memoir by Ben Hecht
adapted for the stage by Scott Jacobs
directed by J.R. Sullivan

March 1, 2025, 1:00PM
Newberry Library



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Artist Biographies



Joe Lehman (Earl) is delighted to return to The Shakespeare Project of Chicago where he has previously been seen in *Measure for Measure*, *The Comedy of Errors*, *A Woman Killed with Kindness*, *Cardenio*, *The Winter's Tle*, and *My Name is Will*. He is a longtime Chicago based actor and director whose work has been seen locally with Oak Park Shakespeare Festival, First Folio, Drury Lane Oakbrook, Citadel Theatre, Williams Street Rep, Metropolis, Shaw Chicago, Theatre at the Center, and Illinois Theatre Center among others. Regionally, he has worked with Michigan Shakespeare Festival, New American Theatre, Creede Rep, Springer Opera House, Fireside Theatre, Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Meadow Brook Theatre, Classical Kids Live, and Little Theatre on the Square. Thank you for your support of live theatre and the wonderful work of The Shakespeare Project! www.joe-lehman.com



Bill McGough (Visitor) has performed with The Shakespeare Project of Chicago in readings of *King John*, *The Roaring Girl*, and others. His busy 2024 saw him in productions at Drury Lane (*The Audience*, *Fiddler on the Roof*) and the Goodman Theatre (*Joe Turner's Come and Gone*). Other recent credits include *The Cherry Orchard* (Goodman Theatre), *Fiddler on the Roof* (Lyric Opera of Chicago) and *My Fair Lady* (Lyric Opera of Chicago). He has also performed with Timeline Theatre (*The Front Page*, *The Farnsworth Invention*), The Hypocrites (*Three Sisters*, *Death of a Salesman*), as Scratch and Santa Claus in *Dee Snider's Rock 'n' Roll Christmas Tale* (Broadway Playhouse) and in *Old Jews Telling Jokes* (Royal George Theatre). TV: *Chicago Med*, *Chicago Fire*, *South Side*, *Sirens*, *Shameless*. Film: *Monuments*, *The Christians*, *In Memoriam*, *Let's Go to Prison*.

John S. Green (Co-Author) is a busy, Chicago-based writer, actor, and musician. His play *The Liquid Moon* won Chicago's Jeff and After Dark awards for Best New Work and was nominated for a Pulitzer. His plays *Doubting Thomas*, *Twilight Serenade* (published by Dramatic Publishing), *The (W)hole Thing*, *Hamburger Twins*, *Mr. Happy*, *Choke Chain*, and others have been produced in theaters across America and in France. As a poet and lyricist, his collection *Ordinary Light* was published by Xlibris Publishing. As a screenwriter, one of his screenplays and TV pilots have been optioned, meaning that someday soon John may finally become immortal! As a fiction writer, his story "The Me Zone" won the Guild Literary Complex: Leon Forrest Prose Award and was published by Chicago Quarterly Review. He won a Jeff Award for best actor playing George in *Of Mice and Men*. John is still acting, singing and playing his guitar. In his spare time he tries to get a good night's sleep.

Peter Garino (Co-Author) has served as artistic director of The Shakespeare Project of Chicago for the past 14 years. Writing credits include *Rising Son*, *Rikers*, *The Right Man*, and *Mendacity*. Screenplay: *By Help of Devils*. Adaptations include *Seabury vs. Hamilton*, *A Baker Street Christmas Caper* and *My Name is Will*. Besides Shakespeare and his contemporaries, he has produced the works of Robert Bray, James Gooser, Howard Ginsberg, Donna Russell and David Ranney, John Kishline, George Zahora, Susan Glaspell Rowan Williams, Steven Young, Kenneth Sawyer Goodman, Isabella Andreini and Tom Stoppard. He thanks John S. Green for collaborating on *The Better Part of Me*.

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THE SHAKESPEARE PROJECT OF CHICAGO
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The Winter's Tale

by William Shakespeare
directed by Peter Garino

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THE SHAKESPEARE PROJECT OF CHICAGO
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The Tempest

by William Shakespeare

directed by J.R. Sullivan

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The Better Part of Me

By John S. Green and Peter Garino

Stage Manager Peter Garino*

Directed by Peter Garino

Cast

EARL Joe Lehman*

VISITOR..... Bill McGough*

Scene: Chicago

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THE SHAKESPEARE PROJECT OF CHICAGO
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King Lear

by William Shakespeare

directed Michelle Shupe

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