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Shakespeare on the Canal – two performances

Family Arts Series offers free admission, outdoor entertainment and family fun

INDIANAPOLIS – Shakespeare’s romantic comedy, *Much Ado About Nothing*, will be performed outdoors at White River State Park’s Family Arts Series. Because of the large response to last year's Shakespeare show, Heartland Actors' Repertory Theatre (HART) will perform on both Friday, July 31st and Saturday, August 1st in Celebration Amphitheater. The show starts at 8:00 p.m. each night, and families are encouraged to arrive early for the best seating.

Much Ado About Nothing tells the story of two sets of lovers living in the seaport town of Messina, Sicily. HART will perform the entire Shakespeare play as it was written. The cast includes Ben Tebbe, Phebe Taylor, Diane Timmerman, Michael Shelton, and many others. *Much Ado About Nothing* is directed by Nathan Garrison.

Those who arrive early can enjoy music starting at approximately 6:30 p.m. On Friday night Cara Jean Wahler, singer and songwriter, takes the stage with cellist, Grover Parido. Saturday will be Tim Brickley who will play old standards from the great American songbook.

Easley Winery and Centerplate will be joining the Shakespeare performances. Wine by the glass and bottle will be for sale from Easley Winery. Fruit, cheese, crackers, mini deli sandwiches, and deserts will all be available for purchase from Centerplate.

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Picnics, blankets and lawn chairs are all encouraged. An American Sign Language interpreter will be at Friday's show. Celebration Amphitheater is handicap accessible.

The Family Arts Series is made possible by the Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation and the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

The Family Arts Series will feature free shows where the grass grows all summer long. Bring the whole family, blankets and picnic baskets to the outdoor Celebration Amphitheater at White River State Park. Food and drinks will be available for purchase on site. For more information and the rain date location, visit www.INwhiteriver.com or call 317-233-2434.

Family Arts Series Performances:

Friday, July 31, 8:00 p.m	Shakespeare by Heartland Actors' Repertory Theatre
Saturday, August 1, 8:00 p.m.	Shakespeare by Heartland Actors' Repertory Theatre
Saturday, August 15, 6:00 p.m.	Orkestra Projekt
Saturday, August 29, 7:00 p.m.	Jazz in the Park with Cathy Morris & friends

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