



New Swan Shakespeare Center Outreach Programs & Initiatives 2022 - 2023

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Community Outreach Philosophy

New Swan is committed to fostering a passionate and loyal community. This begins by expanding our community’s demographics – not only when it comes to cultural backgrounds and ethnicities, but also by widening generational diversity. New Swan offers in-person and virtual seminars, special events, and live performances both on our campus as well as at high schools throughout Southern California.

Through our intentional outreach, we engage young students in various topics including the performing arts, creative writing, film studies, literature, and communication studies. New Swan brings the excitement of the Bard into classrooms across Orange County! We examine theatrical theory and practice through open discussion, cultural analysis, and active participation. Students practice empathy and explore opposing viewpoints by embodying and analyzing the roles of Shakespearean characters. Our goal is to increase students’ confidence and strengthen their leadership abilities by learning valuable communication skills and practicing cross-cultural awareness.



New Swan Shakespeare School Year, Outreach Programs

FALL 2022

- High School Visits
 - **Laguna Beach High School**, rehearsal visits
 - **Garden Grove High School**, “Learning Empathy through Performance” workshop & performance previews
 - **Santa Ana High School**, “Writing for the Stage & Screen” a 10 class workshop
- Special Events
 - “**Exploring the Shakespearean Binary**,” A Pre-Show Discussion of UCI Drama’s *Romeo & Juliet*
 - ***Yalda: An Iranian Twelfth Night***, a new play by Roxanne Varzi, Play Reading

WINTER 2023

- High School Visits
 - **Laguna Beach High School**, “Learning Empathy through Performance” workshop & “Playing Evil” workshop
 - **Long Beach Polytechnic High School**, “Learning Empathy through Performance” workshops & performance previews
 - **Santa Ana High School**, “Performance Poetry” workshop & consultation
- Special Events
 - “**500 Years of Looking for Richard III**,” with Jeffrey Wilson ’12 & Thomas Varga ’17
 - “**Jewish Theatre Making in Italy in the Renaissance**,” with Erith Jaffe-Berg
 - “**Hamlet**” reading group, Laguna Beach Senior Center

SPRING 2023

- High School Visits
 - Inauguration of our “**New Swan Shakespeare ZINE**” and upcoming visits to high schools
- Special Events
 - “**2023 UC Shakespeare Trial: A Witches’ Brew**” in collaboration with UC Berkeley
 - “**As You Like It**” reading group, UCI campus

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Summer 2023 Outreach Programs

Orange County School of the Arts (OCSA) Apprenticeships

June 21st – 23rd | Workshops & Rehearsal Visits

August 9th – Sept. 6th | Performance Shadowing Program

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) Rehearsal Visit

June 22nd | Rehearsal Visit to “The Complete Works”

Jewish Enrichment Teen Theater Initiative (JETTI) Program

July 2nd | Rehearsal Visit to “Julius Caesar”

August | Performance & Post-Show Q&A for “The Complete Works”

Elite Academic Academy Workshops

July | Workshops & Theater Tour

Educators’ Day **open to all educators in the area*

July 27th | Seminars, Activities & Social Events

July 27th | Free Performance of “As You Like It”

Post-Show Community Talkbacks

After every Friday performance in July & August

High School Student Shadowing Program

August 9th – Sept. 6th

First Folio Events *in Collaboration with Langston Library*

August 18th & 25th

Shakespeare Weekend

August 26th & 27th

Free Seating, Student Rush

sponsored by Illuminations

Opening – Closing Night



New Swan Shakespeare Community Statements



“Muchas gracias for your continued advice... for taking the time to see us and teaching us about writing, communication, plays, films, culture, and everything else you bring. Gracias!”

– **Valeria E.**, Santa Ana High School student

“A true blessing to our class – from the resources you bring, to the theater and film knowledge you share, to your perspectives on the student’s lives & motivation. Thank you!”

– **Dr. Lance Langdon**, Santa Ana High School English Teacher



“I loved every second. It is such a beautiful theater; everyone was so gracious and knowledgeable, and the show was spectacular... a highlight of my year.”

– **Elora Sparnicht**, OCSA shadowing student

“Thank you all for this fabulous opportunity! The kids loved everything! It made Shakespeare come alive for them and the overriding motif of empathy, both in theater and in life, really felt natural and important. We all laughed a lot and I saw the students who are often quiet, really responding... It was such an amazing day.”

– **Lori Cardoza-Starnes**, Garden Grove High School English literature teacher

“Both your technical and creative notes will help me communicate to the students what we need to get this production ready for our tech week, thank you!”

– **Meghan Miguez-Marshall**, Laguna Beach High School English & drama teacher

New Swan Shakespeare Additional Materials



10th Anniversary Gala, Leadership & Artists



High School Presentations



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High School Workshops



New Swan Theater at Gateway



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