

Dear Theatre Students and their Parents:

The annual **Gunn-Paly Oregon Shakespeare Festival Trip** is coming up **April 12-15, 2012**. In case you are new to the program, here is some insight about this trip. To begin with, it is limited to only 21 Gunn students (along with 21 Paly students). We set some eligibility requirements so that the students who have given the most to the program get the first opportunities to go. The attached page has all of the information about eligibility.

Total expenses for the trip, which include round-trip bus transportation, three nights lodging at the Columbia Hotel, tickets to five plays, two workshops, set changeover in Bowmer theatre, Saturday brunch, and discussions will be \$515. Except for the brunch, food expenses are not included in this amount.

I do want to make it clear that *no student will be turned away from this trip for lack of funds* – the Gunn Theatre Boosters will be able to help any family with an eligible student who is chosen for the trip. If you need help with the deposit as well, please let me know right away so that your student's name can be included in those who are considered for selection for the trip. Your family may be asked to provide documentation of need.

If you can afford it, please consider making an extra donation to the Gunn Theatre Boosters to support students who cannot pay full price.

By the way, this trip uses teachers from Gunn and Paly as chaperones, which helps to build a unified Palo Alto theater community.

I look forward to another great trip! Please turn in the attached reservation slip by Thursday, February 2nd.

Jim Shelby
Theatre Program Director

Gunn-Paly Oregon Shakespeare Festival Trip April 12-15 2012

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• There are twenty-one places for Gunn students on the trip and twenty-one for Paly students.

• Only active and involved theatre students are eligible. You must be working on or off stage for two of the four Gunn Theatre productions this year (including Staged Readings). Eligible students are selected in order of class priority (i.e on February 2nd names of all eligible senior applicants will be drawn and placed on the list in order drawn, then names of eligible junior applicants, etc. We will make a waiting list on that date as well.)

• This is a District-approved field trip. You will be missing two days of school: Thursday April 12 and Friday April 13). You will be responsible for all work missed as a result of participation in this activity.

• We will stay at the Columbia Hotel on Main Street in Ashland, Oregon.

• We will see the following plays presented by the Oregon Shakespeare Festival:

<i>Troilus and Cressida</i>	by William Shakespeare	New Theatre
<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	by William Shakespeare	Bowmer Theatre
<i>Animal Crackers</i>	by Kaufman & Ryskind	Bowmer Theatre
<i>The White Snake</i>	by Mary Zimmerman	Bowmer Theatre
<i>Seagull</i>	by Anton Chekhov	New Theatre

•Our group will also enjoy an actor-led acting workshop, pre-show warm-ups and post show discussions, a celebratory brunch with members of the company whom we invite, as well as a one hour pre-brunch discussion by a selected company member.

•You may reserve a place by filling out the accompanying application and attaching a CHECK for \$250.00, payable to GUNN THEATRE BOOSTERS as deposit towards your total expenses. We will collect deposit checks and create a waiting list on Thursday February 2nd at lunch in D-14.

NAME: _____ YEAR IN SCHOOL _____ PHONE _____

Only active and involved theatre students are eligible. You must be working on or off stage for two of the four Gunn Theatre productions this year. Please provide the ways you have already participated, or you plan to participate, in two of the four Gunn Theatre Department Productions (*Staged Readings, YCTIWY, Merchant of Venice, or Student Directed One-Acts 2012*):

Please attach \$250.00 deposit in check only, made out to GUNN THEATRE BOOSTERS. If you need help with the deposit, please indicate in the space below.

I agree to all expectations set forth above.

Student signature _____

Parent signature _____

Total cost of the trip is **\$515**, which includes five shows, bus transportation, celebratory brunch with actors and technicians, and three nights' lodging. We are requesting a donation to cover the cost of the trip. If you could donate more, we would be extremely grateful. Scholarships are available for any student and no eligible student will be excluded from attending. _____ Check here if you are interested in Gunn Theatre Booster Scholarship assistance. Contact Mr. Shelby (jshelby@pausd.org) for information regarding this.