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DSF PRESENTS *THE COMEDY OF ERRORS*,  
SHAKESPEARE'S MADCAP ROMP OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY

Separated at birth. Reunited by chance. Two pairs of identical twins are destined to meet on one very confusing day in the wild and mysterious town of Ephesus, as Delaware Shakespeare Festival presents ***The Comedy of Errors***, Shakespeare's madcap romp of mistaken identity, on stage at Rockwood Park from July 15-31.

This 14<sup>th</sup> annual summer production by the Delaware Shakespeare Festival will feature a 64-foot runway stage, a three-piece band (saxophone, percussion and bass), and original music by Composer/Sound Designer Michael Hahn.

DSF Producing Artistic Director David Stradley returns to the director's chair for ***The Comedy of Errors***, after appearing onstage in 2015's *The Taming of the Shrew*. Stradley's previous directing credits for DSF include *Hamlet* (2014) and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (2012). Michael Hahn is returning for his fourth year of composing original music for the festival.

***The Comedy of Errors*** is DSF's 14<sup>th</sup> summer production and follows a record-setting summer in 2015 when nearly 3,700 people attended performances of *The Taming of the Shrew*. This year's performance will sound better than ever before, with brand-new wireless microphones for every actor on stage.

Attendees are invited to bring their own chairs, blankets and picnic baskets to the park, though the concession stand will feature picnic-appropriate food from Janssen's Market, including a selection of fresh-made sandwiches, cheese plates and desserts.

***The Comedy of Errors*** will run for 13 performances. Performances scheduled Wednesday to Saturday begin at 7:30 p.m., with gates opening at 6:15 p.m. for pre-show entertainment and picnics. Sunday performances begin at 6 p.m. (with gates opening at 4:45 p.m.). No shows are scheduled for Monday or Tuesday nights, although Tuesday, July 26 is scheduled as a make-up rain date, if needed.

The fourth annual Janssen's Market Picnic Contest – in which patrons bring their best spreads to compete for the coveted Picnic Contest trophy and bragging rights – will take place on Saturday, July 23.

General admission to the festival is \$18. Tickets are \$16 for seniors (65+), and active

military (and their families), with identification. Student tickets are \$14. Children 5 and under are free at every performance. Every Sunday is Family Night, with special activities for children 12 and under, admitted free with a paid adult admission.

A limited number of DSF lawn chairs are available by reservation at each performance. These "Saved Seats" will be set up in premium locations in the first row of the "lawn chairs" section, behind blankets and low-backed beach chairs. Reservations can be made on the DSF website for \$35/ticket.

Tickets will go on sale June 1. To purchase tickets, go to [www.delshakes.org](http://www.delshakes.org) or purchase at the door.

The Festival is sponsored by Prestwick House, Janssen's Market, Delmarva Power, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Delaware, Planet Ten, WDEL and WSTW, and presented in partnership with New Castle County. Delaware Today and Main Line Today are the official Media Friends of the summer festival.

For more information about ***The Comedy of Errors*** and the 2016 Festival, visit [www.delshakes.org](http://www.delshakes.org) or email [info@delshakes.org](mailto:info@delshakes.org).

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