

THE QUEENS TRIBUNE

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FREE SUMMER SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK IN QUEENS

By Barbara Arnstein

Imagine unleashing your anger by commanding a magical spirit to summon up a storm! This image is only the beginning of the amazing and amusing events in “The Tempest”, one of the two

family-friendly, fun Shakespeare plays presented in parks this summer by the Hip to Hip Theatre Company, celebrating its seventh season bigger and better than ever. The comedy “Love’s Labors Lost”, begins when a King and three of his close friends meet a Princess and three of her close friends, and the four men fall in love. Their hilarious attempts to impress the women involve puns, pranks and mysterious masks. Hip to Hip’s married co-founders and actors, Jason and Joy Marr, play the witty Berowne and Rosaline in “Love’s Labor’s Lost”, and the loyal Gonzalo and the magical spirit Ariel in “The Tempest”. Half an hour before every performance, kids can participate in fun games led by actors from the plays, involving theatre elements like acting, costumes and scenery, in a free program called “Kids & the Classics”. Admission for the plays is free but bring your own blanket or low chair and food.

“The Tempest” will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24th, in Flushing Meadows Park, August 8th at Crocheron Park in Bayside, August 10th at Gantry Plaza State Park, Newport-Jersey City at 7:30 p.m., August 15th outdoors at the Voelker Orth Museum in Flushing and August 17th at Southampton Agawam Park. July 27th it will be performed at 7 p.m. at O’Donohue Park-Rockaway, July 28th at 8 p.m. at Cunningham Park, August 2nd at Sunnyside Gardens Park , and on August 4th at 5 p.m. at Socrates Sculpture Park.

“Love’s Labor’s Lost” will be performed on July 25th at Crocheron Park in Bayside, July 26th at 7:30 p.m. at the Lost Battalion Recreation Center, July 31st at 7:30 p.m. at St. Albans Park, August 1st at 7:30 p.m. outdoors at the Voelker Orth Museum, August 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at Gantry Plaza State Park, August 7th at 7:30 p.m. at Flushing Meadows Park, August 9th at 8 p.m. at Sunnyside Gardens Park, August 11th at 5 p.m. at Socrates Sculpture Park and on August 16th at 7:30 p.m. at Southampton Agawam Park.

For more information, go to <http://www.hiptohip.org> or call (718) 729-8567.