



Ensemble theatre with humor and heart

Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre

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## **Dreamcatcher and Playwrights Theatre Collaborate on production of “Shakespeare in Vegas”**

**Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre**, professional Theatre in Residence at Oakes Center in Summit, and **Playwrights Theatre** of Madison are co-producing the premiere production of Suzanne Bradbeer’s **Shakespeare in Vegas**. This new play tells the story of a wise guy with a dream and a discouraged New York actress who attempt to bring legit theatre to Sin City. **Shakespeare in Vegas** plays April 4 through 21, with talkbacks following the April 7 and 14 matinees.

This comedy follows Tony, the producer, and Margot, the displaced classical actress, to Las Vegas, where they recruit the cast for a season of Shakespeare’s plays. Pickings prove to be slim, as roles go to showgirls and other locals with questionable credentials. Along the way, a generations-old family curse threatens to bring their dream to an untimely end.

Bradbeer is an award-winning playwright whose works *Full Bloom* and *You Miss Them When They’re Not Around* have previously appeared on the Dreamcatcher stage. The play will be directed by John Pietrowski (Long Valley), Artistic Director of Playwrights Theatre of NJ, and will feature Laura Ekstrand (Livingston), Artistic Director of Dreamcatcher. Also appearing in the cast are Dreamcatcher company member Jessica O’Hara-Baker and guests Barron B. Bass, Eli Ganius, and Rachael Lee (all of New York).

**Shakespeare in Vegas** will run at Dreamcatcher from Thursday, April 4 through Sunday, April 21. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 8:00 p.m., and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$25 for seniors and students, with special rates for subscribers and groups. Purchase tickets online at [www.dreamcatcherrep.org](http://www.dreamcatcherrep.org) or by calling Brown Paper Tickets at 1-800-838-3006. Seniors pay only \$15 on advance purchases only on Senior Sunday, the April 7 matinee.

Performances are at Oakes Center located at 120 Morris Avenue in Summit. Parking is available in the lot behind the theatre on Ashwood Avenue and at the Summit Recreation Center on Morris Avenue. The facility is wheelchair accessible. Assistive listening devices for the hearing impaired and advance large print scripts are available by prior arrangement. To purchase tickets or for information on any of Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre’s programs, visit [www.dreamcatcherrep.org](http://www.dreamcatcherrep.org) or contact Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre at Oakes Center, 120 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901, 908-514-9654. For information on any of Playwrights Theatre’s programs, visit [www.ptnj.org](http://www.ptnj.org), or contact Playwrights Theatre, P.O. Box 1295, Madison, NJ, 07940, 973-514-1787 x20.

### **About Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre**

Founded in 1994, Dreamcatcher is a non-profit professional ensemble of actors who build community with the audience by sharing life-affirming stories in an intimate environment. We seek to expose theatregoers to ideas and lives like and unlike their own, to awaken their imaginations and create empathy for others. The company focuses on deepening the experience of our patrons by supplementing the performances with personal contact through receptions, talkbacks and interactive programs.

Dreamcatcher’s core company of professional local actors performs contemporary work that entertains and challenges, and has at its heart a belief in the essential goodness of people. The company’s activities include

mainstage productions, improvisational comedy and cabarets, new play readings and a variety of educational and senior outreach programs.

Dreamcatcher's programs are funded by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, Dramatist Guild Fund, The Summit Area Public Foundation, the Manley-Winsor Foundation, and many other corporations, foundations and individuals. Dreamcatcher Rep is a senior member of the New Jersey Theatre Alliance.

### **About Playwrights Theatre**

Founded in 1986, Playwrights Theatre is a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit professional theatre and arts education institution dedicated to developing and nurturing the dramatic imagination of artists, students, and audiences. Our New Play Program creates development opportunities for professional writers through readings, workshops and productions, and invites audiences to participate in authentic feedback experiences. Our New Jersey Writers Project, Poetry Out Loud, New Jersey Young Playwrights Contest and Festival, and Creative Arts Academy programs provide a comprehensive and hands-on arts education experience to over 31,000 students, Pre-K through adult.



Writers in the New Play Program are drawn from across the country, including our affiliation with the National New Play Network, a nation-wide group of theatres dedicated to the development and production of new work. Teaching Artists in our Education Programs are professional artists working in their field in the New Jersey, New York, and Philadelphia metropolitan areas. From 2003-2013, we have been designated a Major Arts Institution by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts (along with only four other theatres: The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, George Street Playhouse, McCarter Theatre Center and Paper Mill Playhouse) as “an anchor institution that contributes vitally to the quality of life in New Jersey.”

Funding for our activities comes from: the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, the F.M. Kirby Foundation, Inc., Dramatist Guild Fund, The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey, The Shubert Foundation, Travelers, The Victoria Foundation, and many corporations, foundations and individuals.

Playwrights Theatre is a member of the New Jersey Theatre Alliance, the National New Play Network, and Madison Arts & Culture Alliance.

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