



FLORIDA SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

FACT SHEET

Since 1983, the Florida Shakespeare Festival has given performances, in-school programs, lectures and workshops for over 125,000 people in South Florida.

In 1984, the Festival was the only theatre company in the state of Florida to perform at the Palm Beach Festival of the Arts.

The 1987 Florida Shakespeare Festival State Tour is sponsored by the State of Florida, Ryder System and Chevron USA.

The Festival has received media coverage by CBS's 1985 Miss Universe Pageant, The International Shakespeare Quarterly, USA Today, Theatre Crafts Magazine, London Stage Magazine, L'Ocean de Montreal, the Orlando Sentinel, the Palm Beach Post, the Ft. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel, the Miami Herald, the Miami News, and the Key West Citizen. The Festival is listed in the national Mobil Travel Guide.

The Florida Shakespeare Festival is a member of the Florida Professional Theatre Association, the Dade County Council of Arts & Sciences Festival Advisory Committee, and in 1985 received the Excellence in Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties.

The Festival receives major funding from the State of Florida, the Dade County Council of Arts & Sciences, the Dade County Parks & Recreation Department, the Dade County Public School Board, the South Florida Cultural Consortium, the Janet Hooker Charitable Trust, the Dade Foundation, Southern Bell, American Express, Eastern Airlines and WTMI Radio.

The Florida Shakespeare Festival has one of the strongest and most comprehensive Educational Departments in the entire state. Praised by teachers, scholars and Public School Boards in nine counties, the Festival annually produces: an in-school touring program, an academic & dramatic Shakespeare Competition, 15 minimally priced students-only matinees of Shakespeare, and a Shakespeare Lecture Series sponsored by the Florida Endowment for the Humanities. It has also sponsored student acting interns and a national Set Design Competition through the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, as well as gifted acting students through the Dade County High School's PAVAC program.