



AUDITION NOTICE

Romeo and Juliet
Free Shakespeare in Lower City Park
- and -
Will Power: Romeo and Juliet
Education Tour

In-person auditions February 2-3 by appointment

Riverside Theatre, Iowa City's resident professional theatre, is seeking local performers for its summer 2025 production of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, which will be performed at the Festival Stage in Lower City Park June 13-29.

In conjunction with this programming, Riverside will also present a five-person educational tour of *Romeo and Juliet* as part of the Will Power program and "Shakespeare in American Communities," with performances in May.

Actors are encouraged to audition for either or both programs, and may be offered roles in both.

In-person auditions will be held at the Riverside Theatre (119 E College Street) on Sunday, Feb. 2 from 6-10pm and Monday, Feb. 3 from 6-10, by appointment. Actors may sign up for a ten-minute audition slot [HERE](#).

Performers are asked to prepare TWO contrasting monologues of no more than two minutes each. Please bring two hard copies of headshots and resumes (photocopies okay). Callbacks will be held, if needed, later in February.

More information about both programs is below. For more information about the Shakespeare text, please click [this link](#) to the Folger Library's website.

Riverside Theatre encourages actors of all ethnicities and gender identities as well as performers of differing abilities to submit for available roles.

Romeo and Juliet
by William Shakespeare
Directed by Adam Knight
at the Riverside Festival Stage in Iowa City's Lower City Park

Rehearsals May 20 - June 12
(Tuesday-Friday evenings and Saturday/Sunday afternoons and evenings)

Performances June 13 - June 29.
(11 performances total. Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays at 7:30pm)

Synopsis: Shakespeare's classic tale of two star-crossed lovers, set in fair Verona many centuries past. When an age-old feud is rekindled, erupting in civic strife, a new love between the heirs of both great families promises hope for reconciliation. However, sweeping romance gives way to heartbreak, driven to extremes by the chaos and passion of young love. "For never was a story of more woe, than this of Juliet and her Romeo."

Breakdown: Currently casting ALL roles. 13-16 actors. Stage combat experience is a plus. Please note that this is an ensemble production, and actors may be assigned multiple roles.

Stipends: \$400 to \$1,300 depending on role(s) assigned.

Note: This production will include three AEA actors as part of the company. An Equity casting call will go out at a later date. Local AEA actors may sign up for these auditions for consideration if they so wish, but should note AEA status at time of audition.

Will Power: *Romeo and Juliet*
Directed by Kathleen Johnson

- **Rehearsals:** Evening rehearsals: April 22 - May 11, 2025.
- **Performances:** Daytime performances from May 12 to May 26, 2025 (specific dates and times TBA).
- **Locations:** Various schools across Johnson County and Southeast Iowa.

Will Power presents a dynamic, trunk-show version of Shakespeare's timeless tale of love, conflict, and consequence. This program expands access to live theatre, making Shakespeare accessible, engaging, and relevant to students in their own schools.

Seeking non-union performers who can bring energy, clarity, and creativity to multiple roles in a fast-paced, stripped-down adaptation, while also leading engaging, educational workshops with students. Experience with Shakespeare, movement-based performance, and educational theatre is a plus.

Stipends: \$1,500

Riverside Theatre is committed to bringing professional level Shakespeare productions to our community **free of charge** every summer on the Festival Stage in Iowa City's Lower City Park.

Since 2000, Riverside has staged more than 40 classical productions in the Park. This program was made free for all in 2018 and serves more than 2,800 attendees each summer, employing dozens of local and regional artists.

More information at www.riversidetheatre.org/riverside-shakespeare/