

# SAN DIEGO SHAKESPEARE SOCIETY BEGINS "THE SHAKESPEARE PRESCRIPTION"

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***The San Diego Shakespeare Society is pleased to announce a new project: "The Shakespeare Prescription." This is a therapeutic theatre program offering short productions about Shakespeare's plays designed to be performed in hospitals, rest homes, womens' shelters, care facilities, and similar settings.***

San Diego, CA November 5, 2008 -- Can Shakespeare make you feel better? The San Diego Shakespeare Society thinks so. On December 3, 2008, this local nonprofit arts organization will present the first in a new series called "The Shakespeare Prescription." These short productions (30 minutes to an hour) bring the world's greatest playwright into therapeutic and special-care settings.

The first Shakespeare Prescription is slated for:  
Wednesday, December 3, 2008 from 1:45 - 2:30 pm and will take place at the San Diego Braille Institute. The institute is located at: 4555 Executive Drive, San Diego, CA 92121.

"There are a growing number of therapeutic theatre programs around the country, but I don't know of many specializing in Shakespeare," says Vanessa Dinning, the society's Artistic Director. "We think it can be a great way to help not only patients but also the stressed-out doctors, nurses, and staff. The December event at the Braille Institute will be the program's maiden voyage and we're delighted they were interested having us."

The new project is the brainchild of Dinning and Writer-In-Residence David Wiener, who writes a series of special event scripts and live programs for the SDSS.

"We try to make these programs adaptable, audience-friendly, and flexible," Wiener adds. "We want to be able to offer the series in a wide variety of venues and settings, from hospital and rest-home outdoor courtyards to auditoriums and meeting rooms - wherever there might be a therapeutic application."

The San Diego Shakespeare Society seeks to inspire life-long learning by furthering the public's understanding and enjoyment of the works of William Shakespeare and to promote an interest in literature, poetry, art and music.

For additional information, story background, or interviews about "The Shakespeare Prescription," contact David Wiener (please see the contact block at the upper left of this release).

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