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L>R, *Mistress Page* (**Chelsea Lembo**) and *Mistress Ford* (**Maggie Donnelly**) are ready for trickery...

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Syracuse Shakespeare-In-The-Park's Merry Wives of Windsor Serve You Comedy and Feminine Empowerment

You can see them for **FREE** at **Thornden Park's** beautiful **Amphitheatre** on **Fri/Sat Aug 3, 4, 10 & 11 at 5:30 pm** and Sun **Aug 5 & 12 at 2:00 pm**. A pay-what-you-will donation is requested at intermission and premium seats are available for \$20.

SSITP celebrates its 16th edition of the August **Shakespeare-In-The-Park** show with a comical gem from **Shakespeare's** canon. Garbed in period Elizabethan costumes, **our actors will immerse you in the show**. **Shakespeare-In-The-Park** is recommended for adults and children of all ages for its slapstick comedy, devilish trickery, funny accents, puns and lots of fun as the **Merry Wives** pull tricks on one of **Shakespeare's** funniest and most beloved characters, *Falstaff*.

The main story revolves around the clever ways the **Merry Wives**, *Mistress Ford* and *Mistress Page*, bamboozle *Falstaff* into one trap after another after he tries to bed both the ladies with the same lame letter that is transparent and cheesy simultaneously. The subplot shows us the courage of *Anne Page* as she stands up to her parents and sifts through her three suitors; one preferred by her father and the other preferred by her mother but *Anne* chooses to marry her true love.

Making her directorial debut for **SSITP** is **Kassandra Melendez-Ramirez** who has assembled a very strong team of fellow females to steer this ship of comedy while delivering messages of feminine empowerment.

Come see the only family-friendly outdoor **Shakespeare** play in town that gives you a **Kids Area** for the 10 and under set to play during the show if the hilarious action on stage doesn't fully engage them. Bring a picnic, a lawn chair or two, a blanket and don't forget to bring the kids with you to expose them to **Shakespeare** as he meant it to be told! Wear a cool mask when the **Syracuse City Ballet** fairies help us trick *Falstaff*.

The concession stand, run for the benefit of the **Thornden Park Bulldogs** football program will be open during the entire run of the show in case you need to supplement what you bring or are feeling peckish at intermission. **Gannon's** ice cream is available during intermission at the **SSITP** table for \$3 while supplies last. **FREE** parking is available on the park road where legal OR in front of the Beech St. entrance to the Bath House by the Pool. The upper ring of the Amphitheatre is accessible to all.

For more information, FREE tickets, pay-what-you-will donations and premium tickets go to <https://ssitp.ticketleap.com/ssitp-merrywives> OR our website: www.ssitp.org

Premium tickets include a front row lawn chair seat, \$10 worth of food from Beer Belly Deli, a cold bottle of water, a full color playbill and a Gannon's Isle ice cream at intermission.

Limited availability for each performance.

When are you going?

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