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Syracuse Shakespeare-In-The-Park's *Julius Caesar* Attracted Its Largest Single Day June Audience Since 2012 on Sun. June 10th



Calpurnia (Anne Childress) and Caesar (Simon Moody) try to explain the difficulty of Caesar's position to Mark Antony (Aaron Alexander).

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"Et Tu Brute?" says Caesar (Simon Moody) as he's stabbed by Brutus (Jack Sherman) (Right), one of the most famous Shakespearean lines from any of his plays.

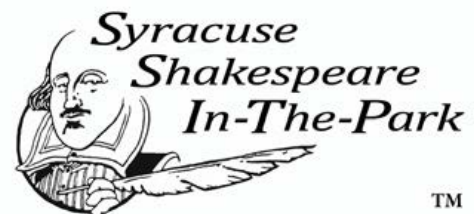
SSITP opened its 16th season with a classical gem from Shakespeare's canon, *Julius Caesar*. Garbed in period images of Elizabethan costumes and Roman togas we transformed the audience's view to another time but strikingly similar to our time in many ways. Syracuse Shakespeare-In-The-Park was attended by nearly 1,000 people over five performances with **410+ people attending the last show** on 6/10/18. Some of the questions the play asked you to ponder were: *How do we choose leaders in a democracy? What forces of greed, ambition and pride determine the outcome of a decision to keep or depose a ruler? What are the decisions that influence people to take action? How can people be manipulated by speech, actions and fake news?* All the action took place on the grass area of the Thornden Park Amphitheatre that covers more than 3,000 sq. ft. and seventeen actors brought Rome to life as thirty-eight different characters.

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Sunday's final show audience of **410+** people give the cast a standing ovation.

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