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**Tacoma Arts Live's Professional Regional Theater  
Kicks Off Season With Ten Shows of *Shakespeare in Love*  
At Theater on the Square, October 17 – November 3**

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**TACOMA, WASH.—** Tacoma Arts Live's Professional Regional Theater proudly presents the new lively stage version of the film comedy, *Shakespeare in Love* by Tom Stoppard, Lee Hall, and Marc Norman. The play opens for a preview night on Thursday, October 17 at 7:30 p.m., and then continues for nine performances October 18 to November 3. Tickets start at \$19 and are [on sale now](#).

This stage adaptation of the 1998 film is a romantic piece of historical fiction about the young Will Shakespeare as he struggles to find his inspiration. He meets Viola, who longs to be an actor, and their forged relationship inspires Will's greatest play, *Romeo and Juliet*. The story includes Elizabethan themes of gender-bending disguises, mistaken identities, sword fighting, and even the enduring "play-within-a-play" convention. Overall, it delivers a highly adventurous tale of love and humor in Renaissance-era England.

[Tacoma Arts Live Regional Theater](#) lets local talent take the stage in *Shakespeare in Love*. This is the first of four productions thoughtfully chosen by Tacoma Arts Live's regional theater team with the support of the [Theater Angels](#) and Theater Cohorts group. Directed by Chris Nardine, the play is filled with Northwest talent. Cast members are (in alphabetical order by last name):

Lucas Amundson (Wabash)	Juliet Hollifield (Mistress Quickly, Waitress, Dancer, Wedding)	Mason Quinn (Lamber, Abraham, Heavy, Guard 1, Catling)
Victoria Ashley (Viola)	Darl Horning (Frees, Robin, Heavy, Dancers)	Paul Richter (Ned)
Colleen Bjurstrom (Webster)	Roger Iverson (Adam, Boatman, Actor, Proteus)	Valerie Ryan-Miller (Kate, Attendant, Dancer, Wedding, Understudy Viola)
Rodman Bolek (Will)	Will Johnson (Sam)	Paul Shapiro (Henslowe)
David Breyman (Nol)	Mikel Michener (Burbage)	Michael Storslee (DeLessups)
Angelica Duncan (Molly, Attendant, Dancer, Wedding)	Michael O'Hara (Marlowe)	Steve Tarry (Ralph)
Rachel Fitzgerald (Nurse)	Kathryn Philbrook (Queen)	Brian Tyrrell (Fennyman)
Spencer Funk (Wessex, Understudy Will)		Andrew Yarbrough (Peter, Barman, Guard, Valentine)
Joseph Grant (Tilney)		

After the final performance on Sunday, November 3, there will be a talkback with the director and cast members following the 3:00 p.m. show.

The 2019-20 Regional Theater lineup also includes [Oleanna](#) by David Mamet, [Tribes](#) by Nina Raine, and [Cowboy vs. Samurai](#) by Michael Golamco. This show is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

Tickets to *Shakespeare in Love* are \$19, \$29, and \$39 and are [on sale now](#). To purchase tickets, call Tacoma Arts Live Box Office at 253.591.5894, toll-free at 1.800.291.7593, or visit in person at 901 Broadway in Tacoma's Theater District or online at [www.TacomaArtsLive.org](http://www.TacomaArtsLive.org).

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