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Welcome to our Spring Session of Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC in Ventura! Thank you so much for joining us. With love and appreciation, we welcome back our students and families. To those joining us for the first time, we welcome you to our ever-expanding family. We are honored that you all have chosen to include us in your lives and your education.

Making History - Learning Through Improv!: Famous Authors

Forget heavy textbooks, tedious tests, and lists of dates. History comes alive when you get to BE the characters! Each week students will hear not only the stories of the lives of great authors, but also the stories of their greatest works. Using fun and easy improv basics, they will jump up on their feet and act out these stories and understand their historical context from the point of view of the people that lived it. There is no writing requirement! Explore history in more exciting and fulfilling way.

Improvisation & Comedy

Join us in the always exciting and creative world of improvisation! Students will learn to improvise as they practice the essential techniques and fundamentals. Starting with the creation and acceptance of ideas, basic story telling (physical and verbal), group cohesiveness and nimble thinking, we'll then progress towards: emotional commitment, partner support, basic scenework skills and the classic improv games. In a fun and supportive ensemble atmosphere, students will learn to move beyond "jokes and gags" to become good storytellers by finding humor through situational awareness, trust and full commitment.

The Playwriting Program

The blank page invites us! Together, our brilliant and creative students will collaborate to develop an original theatrical work. Through the magic of improvisation and storytelling, we will discover truthful characters and compelling plots, hilarious comedy and profound tragedy. Exploring story development and structure, students will improvise and write as they prepare an original script of their own.

Master Class in Period Scenework

Immerse yourself in scenes from other distinctive periods besides our familiar Elizabethan Shakespeare. Explore the movement, costume, characters and acting approaches of different eras, such as Restoration or classic Greek theater. This class will be modelled on pre-show scene program, requiring regular student rehearsal outside of class. As part of beginning scenework preparation, each student is required to read the full play for the his/her scene early in the season. *This class is generally for our older, more experienced Shakespeare students. Instructor approval is required.*

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We are happy to be returning to the Grace Lutheran and the Better Together Co-Op at 6190 Telephone Road, Room 16 in Ventura.

Class Schedule

In general, classes will be held on Fridays, March 16 through May 25, 2018.

March	16, 23, 30	
April	13, 20, 27	(No class April 6)
May	4, 11, 18, 25	

Making History – Improv British History	10:30 am – 12:00 pm*
Improvisation and Comedy	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm*
Playwriting	2:30 pm – 4:00 pm*
Master Class in Period Scenework	4:00 pm – 5:30 pm*

**times are contingent on overall enrollment
If registration for certain classes is not sufficient, rescheduling
or even cancellation may be necessary.*

Please Note:

- **This is a process-focused program; there will be no performance.**
- **Parents are welcome to observe class.**

A Note on Class Content

Much Ado makes every effort to keep the classroom material age-appropriate and is committed to maintaining a supportive, respectful classroom environment. This includes a policy against offensive material or language in class. However, Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC cannot adapt class content to match individual family sensibilities. Please be aware that improvisation and playwriting is inherently playful and exploratory. Exercises and scene development may address stories of romance, religion and even violence. Although we guide the exercises and will, if necessary, edit the plays for classroom use, we cannot revise the program to fit all sensibilities. Please make sure you have considered this as you make your commitment to the season.

In the History Improvisation class, students will be exploring historical issues and the lives of important figures in an open and creative way. History is filled with events, people and issues that can be considered controversial. As we seek to explore and understand history, it is inevitable that such events, people and issues will come up (in research and class) and need to be addressed. Please be aware that this history class does address such topics. To this historical material, the History class brings the playful, creative art of Improvisation, which is by its very nature free-form and spontaneous. A certain amount of play, risk-taking and adventure is inherent in the creative process. Therefore, parents and students should understand that not every exercise or scene will always suit each individual's sensibility. Just as in Shakespearean scenes, improvised or written scenes may include references to such topics as romance, politics, religion and even violence. Please make sure you have considered and understand this as you make your commitment to the season.

Classroom Conduct

It is always our priority to maintain a positive and supportive learning environment in the classroom and in the theater. Above all, each actor/student must be respectful towards staff and each other and support each other in their classwork. A positive and productive learning environment requires respectful, safe and cooperative behavior from all students. In the case of

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any inappropriate or counterproductive student behavior, the following steps, in order, may be taken by the instructor:

1. A Gentle Reminder of Appropriate Class Behavior
2. A Brief Period Away from the Group
3. Dismissal from Class for the Day and a Family Conference
4. Role Revocation and/or Dismissal from the Program

In the case of unsafe behavior, the instructor may employ a stricter standard. Please see the Rules and Policies for further discussion of rules and policies concerning safety and appropriate behavior.

Fee per class \$210.00 per student (\$225 per charter student)**

Full fee is due with registration materials and this includes the non-refundable \$50 per student deposit. All checks payable to: Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC. Please mail your three fully-completed Registration Forms with payment for each student to Much Ado at:

7956 West Norton Ave # 4/8, West Hollywood, CA 90046.

Returning Ventura Students: You may use the Renewal Form instead of the full three-page set of forms, if you wish.

New Students or Students Returning from other Much Ado sites: Please complete the first three forms below. You do not need to complete the Renewal Form as well.

***Charter School Families: Due to the significant additional administrative processing, Much Ado encounters for charter students, we are now adding a small additional fee of \$15 per student to the program cost for charter students. We are GVC, Gorman, Inspire and SMC Vendors. For instructions on how to submit your P.O., please contact us directly. \$50 deposit is refunded once the charter has paid the full amount.*

Please see the Rules and Policies for rules and policies regarding registration and payments.

Refund Policy

Cancellations or withdrawals after the FIRST class can substantially impact the ensemble work in class. If you choose to withdraw your child from the program on or before the FIRST day of class (March 16, 2018), we will provide you a refund of the registration payment you made for that child minus a \$50.00 fee. However, after the FIRST day of class, *no refunds will be available.*

We Are Available

Should you have any questions, please call us at (323) 275-0990 or email us at muchado@earthlink.net. We will be happy to help you.

Thank you,
Stuart and Rebekah
Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC
“All the world’s a stage...”

*Your registration and enrollment are not complete until all of your application and registration forms have been reviewed and accepted by Much Ado and you have received written confirmation from Much Ado. All applications, deposits, reservations, payment, registrations and/or renewals are subject to Much Ado’s Rules and Policies. Please see our Rules and Policies on our website at: www.muchadoaboutshakespeare.com.
Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC reserves all rights.*

PLEASE PRINT, FILL OUT AND MAIL IN WITH DEPOSIT

Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC

Information Form, Publicity Release, & Waiver and Release

Information

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Site	Program	Season
_____	_____		
Student(s) Name(s) and Birthdate(s)	Telephone (home, cell, work)		
_____	_____		
Address	Parent and student (optional) Email		
_____	_____		

At the bottom or on an additional page, please list any Interests, Special Skills, and Goals for this year. Is there anything special you would like us to know about you?

Your registration and enrollment are not complete until all steps of the registration process have been completed, all of your application and registration forms have been reviewed and accepted by Much Ado and until you have received written confirmation of registration and enrollment from Much Ado. All applications, deposits, reservations, payments, registrations and/or enrollments are subject to Much Ado's Rules and Policies. Please see our Rules and Policies on our website at muchadoaboutshakespeare.com. Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC reserves all rights.

Publicity Release

I hereby grant Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC and its Staff permission to photograph and video record me and to use those photographs, other photographs in which I may be included, and videos, for advertising and publicity purposes, inclusive of print advertising, educational videos, television, videotaping, or film broadcast in connection with the advertising and promotion of Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC.

I acknowledge that the photographs and videos described above and all reproductions thereof are the property of Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC and that I have no rights therein.

I hereby release and discharge Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC and its Staff from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of such photographs and videos described above, including, but not limited to, claims and demands for compensation, libel, defamation, violation of privacy or publicity rights or infringement of any literary, property or other rights.

I have read and fully understand the above.

_____	_____
Signature(s) of Minor(s)	Date

As the parent (or guardian) of the minor(s) who has (have) signed the above release, I have read and fully understand the above, and I agree that I and such minor(s) shall be bound thereby.

_____	_____
Signature of Parent	Date

Waiver and Release

I hereby give my consent for my child(ren) _____ to participate in the classes and activities offered by Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC and hereby absolve and release Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC and its Staff from any and all liability for any injury or damages that may be incurred by my child(ren) in the Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC classes and activities.

I have read and fully understand this waiver and release.

_____	_____
Signature of Parent	Date

Name(s) of Participant(s)

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Commitment Form and Medical Treatment Authorization

Student and Parent Commitment Form

Students in the Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC program and a parent (or guardian) must sign this form stating their commitment to abide by all the program policies, rules and requirements and that they have checked their family's personal calendar (including the athletic calendar) for conflicts with classes.

Please state any anticipated schedule conflicts with classes immediately below. Conflicts that arise later, other than serious emergencies, are not acceptable.

Conflicts: _____

By signing below, I am indicating that I have read and understand the Program Bulletin, including the schedule and refund policy, and the Rules and Policies. I understand and agree to the policies, rules and requirements contained in the Program Bulletin and the Rules and Policies and will abide by all of them. Further, I have checked my family calendar and noted all anticipated conflicts on this page.

Signature(s) of Student(s)

Date

Signature of Parent

Date

Medical Treatment Authorization

I do hereby authorize in the event of an accident, injury, or illness of the said below named child(ren) that if I (we) the parent(s)/guardian(s) cannot be contacted, Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC and its Staff may act as agents for the undersigned to consent to any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment and hospital care which is deemed advisable, as is to be rendered under the general or special supervision of any physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of the Medical Practice Act of California.

I understand that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care being required and is given to give consent to any and all such diagnosis, treatment or hospital care which the aforementioned physician or surgeon in the exercise of his/her best judgment may deem advisable. This authorization is given pursuant to provisions of Section 25 of the California Civil Code of California.

Name(s) of Child(ren)

Signature of Parent

Date

Emergency Contact Information

Name of Parent/Guardian

Phone Number(s)

Address

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Parent Comment Form

Dear Parents,

In providing the best educational experience for each student, we depend upon your assistance and support. Please use this form to describe any physical, emotional, behavioral or learning conditions concerning your child(ren) which might affect your child(ren)'s ability to participate fully, respectfully, safely and cooperatively within the program.

Also, throughout the program please continue to update us in writing as to any changes in these conditions or development of new conditions.

As stated in the Rules and Policies, because this information is so important, failure to follow these requirements may result in dismissal from the program with no money refunded.

We appreciate your sharing this information with us.

Thank you.

Student Name(s)

Multiple horizontal lines for writing the student name(s).

Parent Signature

Date

ATTENTION: THIS ONE-PAGE RENEWAL FORM IS ONLY FOR STUDENTS PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AT THIS SAME SITE. Please print and complete all items below and provide initials and signatures. For your reference, the full set of blank Registration Forms are on pages 4-6.

_____	_____	_____	_____
Student(s) Name(s)	Birthdate(s)	Site	Program
_____	_____	_____	Season
_____	_____	_____	Home Phone
Address	_____	_____	Cell Phone
_____	_____	_____	Parent Email
_____	_____	_____	Student Email

Your registration and enrollment are not complete until all steps of the registration process have been completed, all of your application and registration forms have been reviewed and accepted by Much Ado and until you have received written confirmation of registration and enrollment from Much Ado. All applications, deposits, reservations, payments, registrations, renewals and/or enrollments are subject to Much Ado's Rules and Policies. Please see our Rules and Policies on our website at muchadoaboutshakespeare.com. Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC reserves all rights.

A. Please state any anticipated schedule conflicts with classes immediately below. Conflicts that arise later, other than serious emergencies, are not acceptable.

B. Please update information regarding any physical, emotional, behavioral or learning conditions which might affect your child(ren)'s ability to participate fully, respectfully, safely and cooperatively within the program. If there are no such conditions, please write "no such conditions."

C. Please update your emergency medical contact information.

Parent/Guardian	Phone Contact	Address
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D. I, the undersigned, have previously filled out and executed the Registration Forms for Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC for the classes held in the year _____.

I hereby agree that all the terms and conditions of those forms shall fully apply to the current or upcoming session of classes being held in the year _____ and shall be deemed to be in full effect for the entire duration of the Program and Season noted above for all the students listed above.

E. Referring to those previously executed Registration Forms, I specifically reaffirm, renew and extend the: **Publicity Release**

Waiver and Release

Parent (please initial)

Student (please initial)

Student and Parent Commitment Form

Parent (please initial)

Parent (please initial)

Student (please initial)

Parent Comment Form

Parent (please initial)

Medical Treatment Authorization

Parent (please initial)

I have read, understand and agree to all of the above.

Signature of Parent (full signature)

Date

Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC

Rules and Policies

These Rules and Policies are subject to change and may vary according to specific site and/or program.

These Rules and Policies apply to all program activities, including but not limited to, classroom activities, technical rehearsals and performances. These Rules and Policies apply to all areas of the facility in use, including but not limited to, the classroom and performance areas.

All references to parents herein include legal guardians as well.

- This is not a PRODUCT-focused program. The emphasis is on the PROCESS. The process we use to accomplish our goals, the relationships we build with the others in the ensemble and our attitudes towards the work and each other are of equal, if not more, importance than the final presentation.
- Each student is expected to work toward a performance/presentation and must be available to participate in the performances, and associated dress rehearsals. Participation in dress rehearsals and performance is required. Please do not enroll and expect a part if you will not be available for the dress rehearsals and performances.
- Roles will be assigned by Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC staff in their sole discretion. These decisions are final.
- When a student is assigned a role, he/she is responsible for memorizing his/her lines by the stated offbook dates. At Much Ado's sole discretion, if the student is not meeting this obligation, his/her lines are subject to reduction and/or reassignment to another student.
- Above all, each actor/student must be respectful towards staff and each other and support each other in their classwork. A positive and productive learning environment requires respectful, safe and cooperative behavior from all students. In the case of any inappropriate or counterproductive student behavior, the following steps, in order, may be taken by the instructor:
 1. A Gentle Reminder of Appropriate Class Behavior
 2. A Brief Period Away from the Group
 3. Dismissal from Class for the Day and a Family Conference
 4. Role Revocation and/or Dismissal from the Program

Particularly in the case of behavior that jeopardizes the safety of anyone associated with the program, the instructor may employ a stricter standard, which may include immediate suspension from the program or dismissal from the program and being permanently barred from the program in the future. Much Ado reserves the right to take whatever action it deems appropriate at any time to deal with inappropriate and unacceptable behavior or actions, or any behavior or actions that violate these rules and policies.

- The attire worn in class must be safe, comfortable and easy to move in, with shoes that do not slip or roll. Safe footwear is required. Shoes must be closed-toe and must fasten securely. No bare feet, flip-flops, loose or backless shoes, or shoes with wheels are allowed. If a student is inappropriately dressed, he/she will be asked to sit out for the class. Repeated violations of this policy may result in further disciplinary action by Much Ado.
- Students must arrive on time to each class. Habitual tardiness will result in a family conference. Continued tardiness may result in dismissal from the program with no money refunded.

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- If a student misses more than two classes without giving advance notice and getting Much Ado's approval, he/she is subject to dismissal from the program with no money refunded.
- The facilities at which we hold Much Ado classes generally have offices and other ongoing activities. Because of this, excessive noise and/or boisterous behavior are not appropriate or allowed in the classroom and surrounding areas. Students should limit themselves to the classroom and nearby restroom areas. All students who have been signed-in must at all times be attended by a Much Ado staff person or a supervising parent and this shall continue until the student is signed-out. Students must be respectful of all others using the facility and all property at the facility. No food or drinks are allowed in the classroom except water.
- We make every effort to cut or rework material from the original scripts in order to keep the plays classroom-appropriate. However, please understand that Shakespeare's plays are at times inherently bawdy, somewhat vulgar, violent and passionate. They can, and often do, address romance, religion and even violence. Further, improvisation and acting exercises are by their very nature free-form and spontaneous. A certain amount of risk-taking and adventure is inherent in the creative process. Therefore, parents and students should understand that not every exercise or scene will suit each individual's sensibility. Just as in Shakespearean scenes, exercises and improvised or written scenes may include references to romance, religion and even violence. Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC will not adapt the plays or other classroom activities to meet individual family expectations. Please make sure you have considered this fully before you make your commitment to the season.
- Communication is essential. At registration, using the Parent Comment Form, parents must inform Much Ado in writing of any physical, emotional, behavioral or learning conditions concerning their child(ren) which might affect their child(ren)'s ability to behave respectfully, safely and cooperatively within the program. In addition, parents must keep Much Ado updated in writing as to any changes in these conditions or development of new conditions. Failure to follow these requirements may result in dismissal from the program with no money refunded.
- Much Ado depends upon the cooperation and teamwork of the program's parents. A healthy student ensemble must have the support of a healthy parent ensemble. By registering, parents agree to work with each other and the staff with respect, honesty, cooperation, safety and teamwork. Parental behavior that does not adhere to these principles may result in dismissal from the program with no money refunded.
- Parents (or guardians) must pay all required fees by the payment due dates stated in the Program Bulletin or, if applicable, in any approved payment plan or Scholarship Fund Application, regardless of whether their child completes the program. Failure to pay by the payment due dates without prior written approval from Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC will result in dismissal from the program with no money refunded. Dismissal from the program for any reason does not alter or negate the parents' (or guardians') obligation to pay all fees.
- Parents (or guardians) are solely responsible for the safe drop-off and pick-up of their child(ren) to and from the class or performance facility. Further, parents are solely responsible for getting their child(ren) to and from the designated sign-in/sign-out area in a timely and safe manner. Parents are solely responsible for signing their child in and out using the Much Ado class sign-in sheet maintained by the site coordinator each class day. In the event of parents needing to make alternative arrangements for drop-off or pick-up, parents must contact their site coordinator in advance and specify these new arrangements. Such alternative arrangements are the sole responsibility of the parents. Much Ado does not assume any liability in such cases.
- Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC has a strict zero-tolerance policy towards bullying. This includes physical, verbal and emotional bullying in the classroom or on-site. Much Ado will not tolerate situations in which students feel intimidated or threatened in any way. By registering, the

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parents and students agree not to engage in any bullying behavior whatsoever. Such behavior will be addressed by Much Ado and may result in being dismissed from the program with no money refunded.

- While Much Ado is not able to monitor and regulate behavior or actions that may occur outside of its program activities, Much Ado requests actors/students and their family members and friends to avoid conduct and behavior that could have a negative impact on the program. For example, gossip and rumors regarding program participants and their families, online communications and postings regarding the program and its participants and their families, in-person confrontations, or other such conduct that has the potential of having a negative impact on the program and its participants should be avoided. Much Ado expects each participant and family members to conduct themselves professionally and to be respectful towards all participants, their families and friends and all staff and other individuals involved in the program.
- Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC reserves the right to act in its sole judgment and discretion in responding to any issues of safety or potential threats to the program's integrity and/or professional environment. Such actions may include, but are not limited to, family conferences and/or the dismissal from the program with no money refunded.
- An applicant's or student's registration and enrollment is not complete until all steps in the registration process have been completed, all application and registration forms have been reviewed and accepted by Much Ado and until the applicant or student has received written confirmation of registration and enrollment from Much Ado. Further, Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC reserves the right to refuse the application, deposit, payment, reservation, registration and/or enrollment of any applicant or student.
- Refund rules and policies vary according to site and type of program. Please contact the site coordinator for the refund policy appropriate to your site and program. Please email Much Ado at muchado@earthlink.net for your site coordinator's contact information.
- Much Ado reserves the right to modify and supplement these rules and policies in its sole and absolute discretion at any time. Participants and their families should refer to the Much Ado website for the most current version of the rules and procedures that apply to all participants and their families, and by registering in this program, participants and their families agree to be bound by any modifications and supplements that Much Ado makes to these rules and policies at any time.
- Much Ado cannot predict each and every circumstance that may arise during the course of its programs. Much Ado strives to provide the best possible atmosphere for its participants, including a safe, respectful and professional learning environment. Should issues come up that are not addressed by these rules and policies, Much Ado reserves the right to address such issues in its absolute and sole discretion to insure the best interests of its program and participants in the program. If any participant or his/her family members have any questions about any aspect of the program, such inquiries should be directed to Much Ado About Shakespeare, LLC.