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Palmdale Playhouse to Host Shakespeare Comedy "As You Like It"

PALMDALE – The Palmdale Playhouse will host the Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum's Antelope Valley Theatre Program production of William Shakespeare's comedy "As You Like It" coming to the Playhouse, 38334 10th St. West, on Saturday, Nov. 1 at 7:30 pm

Tickets are only \$5. Ages 15 and under and 65 and older are free. Reservations are required for free tickets. Tickets are available at www.cityofpalmdale.org/playhouse, or by calling 661/267-5685.

"This delicious comedy is one of Shakespeare's best loved," said Palmdale Recreation Supervisor Annie Pagliaro. "Love letters seem to grow on trees, and an evil duke undergoes a miraculous conversion. Yet there's a message in all this fun: the play satirizes *pastoralism*, the glorification of the 'pure' country over the 'wicked' city or court."

For more information about the Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum's Antelope Valley Theatre Program, please e-mail avtpreserve@gmail.com or call Outreach Coordinator Frank Weidner at 920/918-1706.

About the Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum:

The mission of the Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum is to elevate, educate and entertain audiences of all ages by presenting thought-provoking classics, socially relevant plays, and education programs in a beautiful, natural outdoor sanctuary for the arts. By passing on a sense of history to young people and adults alike, great works of art inform their present and inspire their future. A true renaissance theatre, we offer (at affordable prices) a diversity of programming

from Shakespeare to poetry to folk music to the development of future playwrights – all to help understand the world we live in and to embrace our shared humanity.

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