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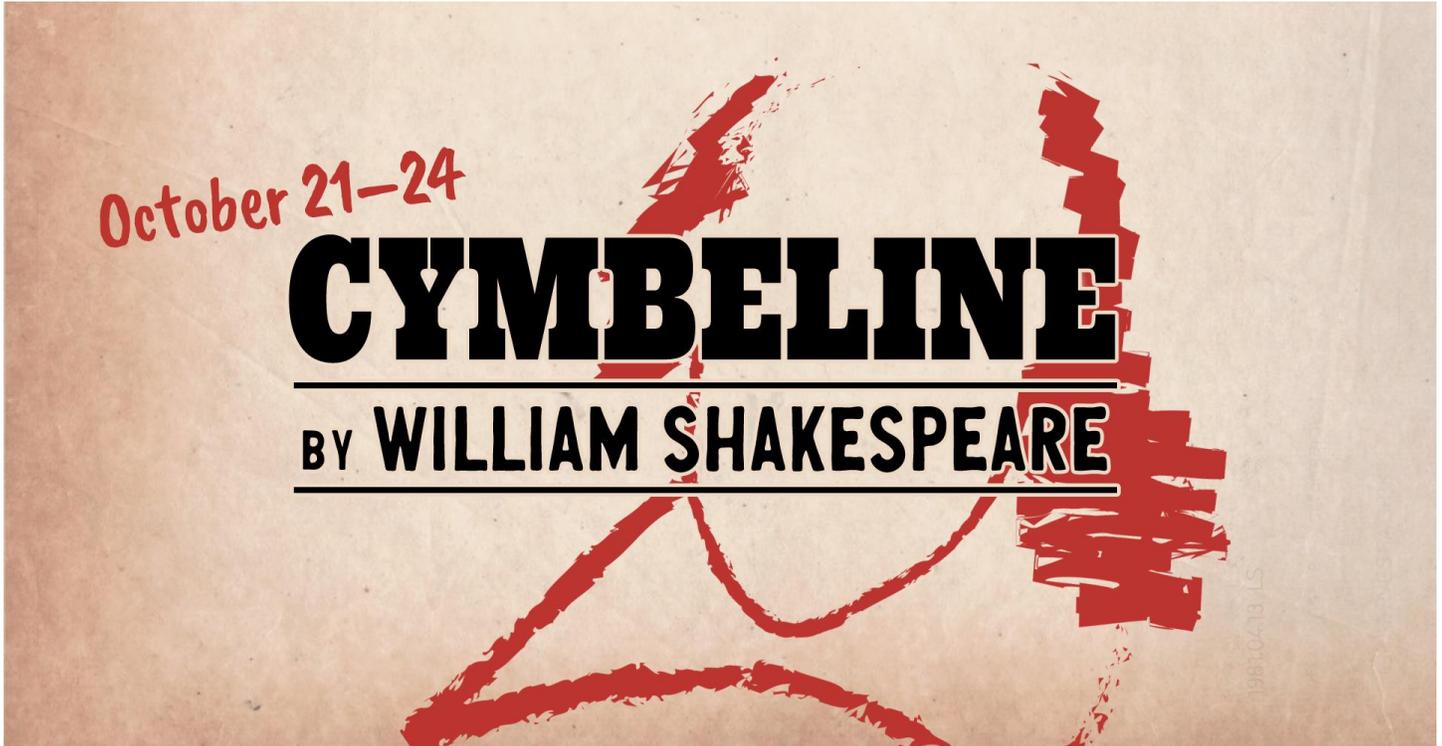
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The Suffolk University Theatre Department and Downtown Boston BID Proudly Presents



October 21, 22, 23 & 24

7pm

Tickets are FREE | Reservations required Tinyurl.com/SUTDcym

A tragic comic spectacle of seduction, deception, and betrayal in five acts.

Held in the open air at The Steps at Downtown Crossing,

Corner of Franklin and Washington Streets.

BOSTON – On October 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th The Suffolk University Theatre Department will be performing Shakespeare’s tragic comic play, *Cymbeline* outside in the open air at the Steps of Franklin and Washington Streets in Boston’s historic Downtown Crossing.

Suffolk’s fall production introduces a troupe of rustic players as they bustle into Boston. With a reputation for scrappy, inventive, true to life interpretations of Shakespeare’s plays, they land, and are ready to perform their current hit, *Cymbeline*. Using only what can be carried in trunks and on their backs, they unpack and prepare to delight at destination Downtown Crossing! Brace yourself for forbidden love, deception, trickery, and poison! But fear not, a happy ending ensues!!

The tradition of performing Shakespeare out-of-doors is legendary, and will be a first for the Suffolk Theatre Department. Thanks to a partnership with Downtown Boston BID, students will be delighting live audiences nightly at The Steps at Downtown Crossing. This partnership is one that both the Department, and Suffolk University hope to continue for seasons to come.

Reservations are required. The Suffolk University Theatre Department’s production of *Cymbeline* will be held in compliance with The City of Boston’s and Suffolk University’s strict COVID-19 safety protocols.

Tickets are free for *Cymbeline* and available now at tinyurl.com/SUTDcym.

Cymbeline is presented and produced by [The Suffolk University Theatre Department](#) and [The Downtown Boston Business Improvement District \(BID\)](#).

AT A GLANCE:

Cymbeline by William Shakespeare

WHEN:

October 21, 22, 23 & 24 at 7pm

WHERE: The Steps at Downtown Crossing, Corner of Franklin & Washington St., Boston, Ma

ADMISSION: FREE | Reservations required

Reservations: [Tinyurl.com/SUTDcym](https://tinyurl.com/SUTDcym)

BIOS

ABOUT LAURA SHINK

Laura Shink (Director) teaches Acting, Acting II, Advanced Scene Study, Voice & Movement, Audition Technique and Professional Development for the Theatre Department, as well as CI’s Finding Your Creative Voice. She has worked extensively as an actress for over 25 years. Credits include originating two roles for award-winning playwright, Theresa Rebeck in her plays *Mauritius* and *The Nest*, as well as thirteen others for their World Premiere productions. She has participated in the development of new plays with The Lark, New Dramatists, Theatre Masters, Women’s Project & Productions, Playwright’s Collective, Huntington Theatre and the Denver Center’s New Play Summit. Off-Broadway she appeared in

the NY Premiere of John Kolvenbach's *Love Song*, opposite Ian Barford, and has appeared in numerous Boston Premiere productions. Laura has been awarded the Elliot Norton Outstanding Actress Award, Improper Bostonian's Best Female Performance 2012, and in 2019, shared the Elliot Norton Outstanding Production Award for the Boston Premiere of *The Wolves* by Sarah DeLappe. MFA, Brandeis University, BFA, Concordia University, three-year acting program, John Abbott College in Montreal.

ABOUT KRISTI ARTINIAN

Kristi Artinian (Director) has spent her career in the study and practice of the work of William Shakespeare, and is thrilled to be at Suffolk University sharing her passion. Kristi's enthusiasm for the work of Shakespeare began in elementary school and carried her through her education at NYU's Tisch School and Stella Adler Studio, to The Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London. She has worked alongside teachers at Shakespeare's Globe in London developing curriculum and running workshops, and she also worked as the Shakespeare consultant for British company Punchdrunk, to bring their production *Sleep No More* to NYC. She loves directing and performing Shakespeare's work whenever she can, and spent the pandemic directing a pretty fun version of *Henry the 5th* as performed by some of the finest actors she knows (including her co-director, Laura) ...and a group of classically trained puppets, which should be available to view soon at UnraisedSpirits.com. She thanks her production team here at Suffolk, and her cast for their hard work and willingness to dive into the brilliance that is Shakespeare.

ABOUT THE SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY THEATRE DEPARTMENT

The Suffolk University Theatre Department is a student-centered department. Students write, direct, and design their own original plays and intern with leading theatre companies, both at Suffolk's Modern Theatre and with organizations throughout the United States. Students work in classic, musical, and experimental genres with a special focus on new work. In 1987, founding Artistic Director Marilyn Plotkins created the Boston Music Theatre Project (BMTP) to nurture new musicals of exceptional promise through readings and workshop productions. In 2017, Professor Wesley Savick founded Juvenilia, a professional theatre company in-residence at Suffolk University www.juveniliatheatre.org.

ABOUT THE DOWNTOWN BOSTON BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

The Downtown Boston Business Improvement District (BID) launched in spring 2011. A private, non-profit corporation, the BID encompasses a 34-block area between Tremont and Congress streets and Court and Boylston streets that includes Downtown Crossing, the Ladder District, and parts of the Financial and Theater districts. Its mission is to transform and engage downtown Boston through programs and supplemental services that meet area needs. Created by property owner members, the BID is overseen by a 33-member board of directors, which is elected by the BID membership and represents a cross-section of BID area's business community. The organization's funding is derived from assessments paid by BID commercial property owner members. For more information on the Downtown Boston Business Improvement District, please visit: www.downtownboston.org.

ABOUT SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY

Suffolk University, located in historic downtown Boston, with an international campus in Madrid, is a student-centered institution distinguished by excellence in education and scholarship. Suffolk University offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate programs in more than 90 areas of study. Its mission is to empower graduates to be successful locally, regionally, and globally.

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