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Theatricum Botanicum  
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## NEW THIS SEASON!

*Professional Equity performances  
in the S. Mark Taper Foundation Pavilion*

*Queen's Court Subscription Package  
and Stadium-style Seats*



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# 2011 Main Stage Repertory Season

## The Merry Wives of Windsor

By William Shakespeare  
Directed by Ellen Geer ~ June 4 - September 10

*One of Shakespeare's most beloved creations, the opportunistic schemer and womanizer Sir John Falstaff tries to woo two wealthy women at once, and they happily plot his comeuppance.*

There is a legend that says Queen Elizabeth of England so loved the character of Falstaff from the history plays of Shakespeare, that her Majesty asked him to write a comedy about the larger-than-life rogue, even though he dies in Henry V. Whatever sparked the imagination of our great Bard to tell the story of Falstaff's pompous arrival to the country town of Windsor with his scurrilous buddies, he leaves us with a funny, bawdy, down-to-earth story.

## A Midsummer Night's Dream

By William Shakespeare  
Directed by Melora Marshall ~ June 5 - June 25 and August 4 - September 25

*The delightful tale of misguided mortals and naughty spirits.*

Theatricum's signature production is back! Romp through the forest with our ardent young lovers, mischievous fairies and a ragtag band of tradespeople as they encounter a night filled with wonder. There's no more perfect setting than the leafy bower of Theatricum's outdoor stage to experience this delightful tale of magic and romance.

## Tartuffe (or, The Hypocrite)

By Molière  
Adapted and Directed by Ellen Geer ~ June 11 - October 1

*One of the funniest, yet most scathing, commentaries on human greed and manipulation ever written.*

Molière wrote Tartuffe in 1664. When King Louis XIV first saw the play, he considered it harmless and witty. Yet, the Roman Catholic Church had a different interpretation and pressured the King to suppress it. Molière fought hard for his play that reveals the false hearts of powerful hypocrites and religious fanatics. It wasn't until his third petition, and many rewrites, that the ban on Tartuffe was grudgingly lifted. This wickedly funny play remains Molière's most popular and most successful.

## Richard III

By William Shakespeare  
Directed by Ellen Geer ~ July 2 - October 2

*Richard weaves a fiery web of intrigue, removing all obstacles – and all people – that stand between him and his designs on the throne of England.*

Richard III, a master seducer and brutal murderer, has a voracious ambition that leads his country, still recovering from war, into yet another conflict. But we become fascinated with Richard's warped version of the truth; are taken in by his charms. He captures us and we willingly follow him on his journey until he wears the crown. It is here that Shakespeare's masterful tale shifts. We soon see through the tyrant's motives and cheer when his despicable acts lead to his own destruction. While other plays allow us to remain on the sidelines, this play draws us in and demands that we ask ourselves: how much devastation can we witness before seeing a villain for who he is?

## Rose Cottages WEST COAST PREMIERE!

By Bill Bozzone  
Directed by Heidi Helen Davis ~ July 30 - October 2

*A de facto family is formed when Rose, the beleaguered owner of a dilapidated tourist motel, reluctantly befriends a disenfranchised teen punker and a sassy older woman who has been abandoned by her son.*

What makes a family? How do people adapt to survive unexpected circumstances? In Bozzone's powerful message of love, relationship and family, we are uplifted by the enduring will of people who search for and create a new home.

*Rose Cottages* is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

*...and presenting in the S. Mark Taper Foundation Pavilion*

## My Name Is Rachel Corrie

From the Writings of Rachel Corrie. Edited by Alan Rickman and Katherine Viner  
Directed by Susan Angelo ~ September 1 - 29  
General Admission: \$12

*"I have been in Palestine for two weeks and one hour now...I think, although I'm not entirely sure, that even the smallest of these children understand that life is not like this everywhere...I'm witnessing chronic, insidious genocide and I'm really scared, and questioning my fundamental belief in the goodness of human nature. This has to stop." ~ Rachel Corrie*

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## Prologue Discussions

Join the actors and directors for thoughtful and lively conversation about the play one hour prior to selected performances. See Season Calendar for selected dates.

## Dinner & A Show

Enjoy a delectable buffet meal in our gardens, prior to selected performances. Seating is limited. Reservations must be made at least 48 hours in advance online or by calling the box office at (310) 455-3723. See calendar for dates.

*The Merry Wives of Windsor* - Traditional British Fare

*A Midsummer Night's Dream* - Mediterranean Fare

*Tartuffe* - French Provençal Fare



2010 Repertory Season photos by Miriam Geer and Ian Flanders

LEGEND:		Saturday	Sunday
Wives = <i>The Merry Wives of Windsor</i> Dream = <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> Tartuffe = <i>Tartuffe</i> Richard = <i>Richard III</i> Rose = <i>Rose Cottages</i> Rachel = <i>My Name Is Rachel Corrie</i> Fundays = Family Fundays Seedlings = Botanicum Seedlings * = Opens in Repertory P = Prologue D = Dinner and A Show, 6:30pm, prior to performance O = Under the Oaks TN = Take Note!		June 4 *Wives 8pm	June 5 Fundays 11am Seedlings 11am *Dream 3:30pm
Thursday		Friday	June 11 Dream 4pm *Tartuffe 8pm
June 23 Off the Grid 8pm O	June 24	June 18 Dream 4pm P Tartuffe 8pm	June 12 Fundays 11am Seedlings 11am Wives 3:30pm Tartuffe 7:30pm
June 30 Off the Grid 8pm O	July 1	June 25 Dream 4pm Wives 8pm	June 19 Fundays 11am Seedlings 11am Wives 3:30pm Tartuffe 7:30pm
MONDAY July 4 Classical Concert 4pm TN		July 2 Tartuffe 4pm *Richard 8pm	June 26 Fundays 11am Tartuffe 3:30pm Wives 7:30pm
July 7 Pete Mitchell 8pm O	July 8 Wives 8pm	July 9 Tartuffe 4pm Richard 8pm	July 3 Fundays 11am Wives 3:30pm Richard 7:30pm
July 14 Off the Grid 8pm O	July 15 Wives 8pm	July 16 Fundays 11am Tartuffe 4pm Richard 8pm	July 10 Fundays 11am Wives 3:30pm P Richard 7:30pm
July 21 Peter Alsop 8pm O	July 22 Wives 8pm D	July 23 Tartuffe 4pm P Richard 8pm	July 17 Fundays 11am Richard 3:30pm Wives 7:30pm
July 28 Off the Grid 8pm O	July 29 Wives 8pm D	July 30 Tartuffe 4pm *Rose 8pm	July 24 Fundays 11am Richard 3:30pm Wives 7:30pm
August 4 Dream 8pm D	August 5 Wives 8pm	August 6 Fundays 11am Tartuffe 4pm Rose 8pm	July 31 Richard 3:30pm Rose 7:30pm
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## Under the Oaks

Benefit Performances in the S. Mark Taper Foundation Pavilion  
All Shows ~ Thursdays at 8pm

### Off The Grid Comedy Improv

Directed by Ian Flanders

June 23, 30 and July 14, 28. General Admission: \$10

This talented troupe returns with more shows, two new cast members and special guests to ignite your night of amazing improv creativity and fun.

### Pete Mitchell of No More Kings

July 7. General Admission: \$10

An intimate evening with singer/songwriter Pete Mitchell, who first made a name for himself with the band No More Kings, best known for their hit song and video 'Sweep The Leg.' Mitchell is also a gifted visual and performing artist who brings great depth and humor to all of his work.

### Peter Alsop in Concert

July 21. General Admission: \$10

Join Peter for an evening of songs from his latest adult album "Disciples of Perfection." Laugh along with his irreverent and insightful humor as he turns his eye on adult relationships and societal foibles.

## Take Note!

Benefit Performances on the Main Stage

### Lexi Pearl's Momentum Place

Sunday, May 8. Mother's Day. 2pm. General Admission: \$25. Students: \$15. 12 and under: \$10

NOTE: To purchase tickets by phone, for this event only, call 310.455.2322, x. 227. All Brunch Tickets: \$20  
Your Mom's spirit will soar as she escapes into this fantastical world of aerial and circus performers, dancers and musicians, featuring Eye of Newt Circus, the Lundberg Dancers and Dream World Cirque. Enjoy a scrumptious, pre-show brunch by Bon Mèlange Catering in our rustic gardens.

### Marshall McDaniel with Pescatori Trio

Monday, July 4. Independence Day. 4pm. Lower Tier Tickets: \$25. Upper Tier: \$20

McDaniel returns to his Topanga roots from Berlin, Germany as part of the Pescatori Trio, first prize winners (chamber music) at the International Brahms Competition in Pörschach, Austria. The program\* will include Haydn, Beethoven and Lalo. Prior to the show, bring a picnic and your favorite beverage to enjoy a tranquil afternoon in the gardens. \*Program subject to change.

### Inara George's Tribute to Burt Bacharach and Hal David

Monday, September 5. Labor Day\* 2pm. Lower Tier: \$40. Upper Tier: \$25

International recording artist and Topanga native Inara George has assembled an eclectic mix of some of LA's most unique performers to interpret the songs of Bacharach-David, such as *Walk on By*, *What The World Needs Now is Love*, *Wishin and Hopin'*, and *Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head*.

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### Family Fundays

Sundays, 11am. June 5 - October 30 (plus 3 Saturdays: July 16, August 6 & October 20).

Peter Alsop's Kids Concerts and Creative PlayGround's interactive theatre make this Sunday morning series a family favorite. Tickets are \$9 for all ages and can be purchased at the door or by phone through the Box Office. Full October schedule available online at [www.theatricum.com](http://www.theatricum.com).

### Botanicum Seedlings: A Development Series for Playwrights

Contemporary American playwrights have the opportunity to shape their work with actors and audience feedback. FREE Spring Playreadings June 5th, 12th & 19th at 11 am. And mark your calendars for SeedlingsFest: "Certified Organic," Sat. and Sun., Nov. 19 & 20.

Dates, times and ticket information: [www.theatricum.com](http://www.theatricum.com)

### HAMLET HUT

Light snacks and beverages are sold before the show and at intermission.

### DIRECTIONS:

**From the 101 Fwy.:** Take Topanga Canyon Blvd. south, (Rte. 27). Continue for approximately 6 miles. Theatricum Botanicum will be on your right.

**From the 10 Fwy.:** Take the 10 West to Pacific Coast Hwy., and continue north approximately 6 miles. Turn right on Topanga Canyon Blvd. Continue north for approximately 6 miles. Theatricum Botanicum will be on your left.

**PARKING:** Parking for our performances is free along Topanga Canyon Blvd. Parking in the Theatricum lot is \$5 per car. This fee is waived for guests using wheelchairs or walkers and for Patron Subscribers.

### GARDENS & WEATHER

Picnics are welcome before or after matinees and prior to evening performances. Come early, as tables fill quickly. Dress in layers for comfort. Sun hats and sunscreen are recommended for matinees!

**Box Office Hours:** May 24<sup>th</sup> - October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Tuesday-Friday, 11am - 6pm

Saturday and Sunday, 11am - 7:30pm

### MAKE YOUR TICKET PURCHASE

**Online:** [www.theatricum.com](http://www.theatricum.com)

**By Phone:** BOX OFFICE (310) 455-3723

**By Mail:** Make checks payable to Theatricum Botanicum

### Subscriptions

|             | Patrons | Queen's Court | Adults | Seniors (60+) | Students/Actors' Equity Assoc./ Veterans |
|-------------|---------|---------------|--------|---------------|------------------------------------------|
| Five Plays  | \$275   | \$200         | \$150  | \$115         | \$90                                     |
| Four Plays  | \$220   | \$160         | \$120  | \$92          | \$72                                     |
| Flex Passes | N/A     | N/A           | \$120  | N/A           | N/A                                      |

### Single Tickets

|                 | Adults                       | Seniors (60+)                | Students/Actors' Equity Assoc./Veterans | Children 7-12*                     |
|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Lower Tier      | \$32                         | \$25                         | \$20                                    | \$10                               |
| Upper Tier      | \$20                         | \$18                         | \$15                                    | \$10                               |
| Dinner & A Show | \$50 (\$32 show \$18 dinner) | \$50 (\$32 show \$18 dinner) | \$50 (\$32 show \$18 dinner)            | \$22.50 (\$10 show \$12.50 dinner) |

\*Children 6 and under free

### SUBSCRIBER BENEFITS

All subscribers enjoy Lower Tier seating, substantial savings over single ticket prices and free ticket exchanges. This season, consider a QUEEN'S COURT subscription. For \$10 more per show than our adult subscription package, you get a reserved Lower Tier stadium-style seat. The PATRON package offers the same seating advantage as the Queen's Court, plus reserved parking, pre-show entry and a free beverage.

Not sure of your summer plans? Consider a FLEX PASS! With the Flex Pass, you will receive four vouchers redeemable for Lower Tier tickets at any time during the 2011 season. The Flex Pass can be used however you like - see four different Main Stage Rep shows, or pick two shows and bring a guest to each one, or bring along three friends to see the play of your choice. Starting in late July, you can even see four plays in one weekend! To redeem your vouchers, call the Box Office at least 24 hours in advance of the performance you wish to attend.

### MAIN STAGE SUBSCRIPTION & FLEX PASS ORDER FORM

Select the Subscription Package that Works Best for You!  
Want to order single tickets? Call (310) 455-3723 or visit [www.theatricum.com](http://www.theatricum.com).

| FOUR & FIVE PLAY SUBSCRIPTION PACKAGES  | Subtotals                                                                                            |
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| <b>SENIOR (60+)</b><br>\$23/show        | 5 Play Subscription Qty _____ x \$115 = \$ _____<br>4 Play Subscription Qty _____ x \$92 = \$ _____  |
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