

**TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE FOR *SHAKESPEARE AT THE SYMPHONY*
THIS FRIDAY, JULY 17**

Bravo! Vail Music Festival presents an evening of audience favorites by Mendelssohn, Tchaikovsky, and others inspired by Shakespeare and accompanied by scenes from Romeo and Juliet, A Midsummer Night's Dream, and other selected plays.

Vail, CO (July 14, 2015): Bravo! Vail Music Festival invites audiences to rediscover the drama of music this Friday with an evening of celebrated works inspired by Shakespeare's classic love stories performed by the Philadelphia Orchestra and accompanied by scenes from the plays that led to them.

In *Twelfth Night*, Shakespeare wrote, "If music be the stuff of love, play on." And countless composers have listened, taking the timeless love stories in plays like *Romeo and Juliet* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as inspiration for equally timeless – and passionate – works of music that have become some of the most famous in the repertoire, filling film scores, television shows, and stories throughout our lives.

Shakespeare at the Symphony brings the greatest of these pieces together in an evening celebrating the delightful highs, deepest lows, and occasional moments of silliness of love. The program features works like Tchaikovsky's soaring *Romeo and Juliet* fantasy-overture and Mendelssohn's iconic *Wedding March* from *Much Ado About Nothing* – known to audiences worldwide as a staple of royal ceremonies everywhere – as well as some less-frequently performed, but equally stirring pieces by Hector Berlioz and the English composer William Walton.

Accompanying the music, actors will perform signature moments from some of Shakespeare's plays, enabling audiences to witness the unforgettable balcony exchange between Romeo and Juliet and wonder as star-crossed lovers find their way to happiness in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The result is a program that invites audiences to experience Shakespeare as never before and gives new meaning to dramatic music.

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