

VIENNA UNION HALL NEWS

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Hamlet Update

The performance of *Hamlet* that will be shown at the Vienna Union Hall this October will be performed by the Theater at Monmouth Players. This version of *Hamlet* is part of a literature-based educational tour program which is presented in schools and community centers throughout the state of Maine. It is funded in part by a grant from the "Davis Foundation". Since 2005, TAM has taken the Bard on the road through 60 to 90-minute versions of Shakespeare with 5 to 8 actors. Plays are fully designed, rehearsed, and tour for a month.

The goal of the Education Tours is to make these adaptations of classic literature accessible to geographically and economically diverse audiences throughout the state.

Part of this year's Theater at Monmouth "Shakespeare in Maine Communities" tour, this production of *Hamlet* is a tragedy of murder and revenge of a court in crisis and a young man at a crossroads. It is replete with ghosts, swordplay, and betrayal which has fascinated audiences and actors for more than 400 years. The play lasts approximately 50-70 minutes and is followed by a talk back session with the actors.

The version of *Hamlet* that will be presented at the Vienna Union Hall is adapted and

directed by Dawn McAndrews. Dawn has worked as director, producer, and educator at theaters across the country including Shakespeare Theatre Company, Steppenwolf Theatre, Goodman Theatre, Arena Stage, Portland Stage Company, and Shakespeare Festival St. Louis. Directing credits include *The Glass Menagerie*, *Three Days of Rain*, Sarah Ruhl's *Eurydice*, Timberlake Wertenbaker's *Antigone*, *The Winter's Tale*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Comedy of Errors*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *The Mousetrap* at TAM in 2009. Dawn joined the Theater at Monmouth full time as Producing Artistic Director in October of 2011.

Hamlet

Vienna Union Hall - Saturday, October 27 at 7:00 PM.

Advance tickets

\$12.00 Adult \$9.00 Children under 13

At the door

\$15.00 Adult \$10.00 Children under 13

To purchase tickets send a check or money order to:

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197 Davis Road
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