

## Comedy and tragedy at Community Shakespeare's Fall Festival on Lopez

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It's been much ado about rehearsals with the Community Shakespeare Company (CSC) of Lopez.



L-R: King Lear and his three daughters, Elena Bakker as Goneril, Lyra Dalton as Regan, Jamie Cummins as Cordelia, and Steve Young as Lear.  
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CSC is presenting its Fall Festival of plays, featuring a range of young and older actors performing "Much Ado About Nothing" and "King Lear."

The festival runs from Nov. 19-22 at Lopez Center. "Much Ado" can be seen at 4:30 p.m. daily; "King Lear" is at 7:30 p.m. daily. A special preview performance will be on Wednesday, Nov. 19; admission is by donation. Reduced priced tickets for \$9 are offered for the Nov. 20 show; tickets for Friday and Saturday are \$15.

During the evenings of Nov. 20 to 22, the Galley, Love Dog Cafe, and the Bay Cafe are creating menus with authentic and delicious Elizabethan foods such as Shepherd's Pie, braised lamb shanks, Fartes of Portingale, Toad in the Hole, Finer Jumbals, and Yorkshire Pudding. Diners can either eat in between or after the showings. Reservations are required at each restaurant.

The cast of "Much Ado About Nothing" consists of students in grades one through seven. Actors in "King Lear" are in grades eight through adult. CSC co-founder and director Richard Carter adapts the Shakespeare plays he assigns to younger students and abridges the plays for older kids. His adaptations are now being used by educators across the U.S. and in Canada, Japan, South Africa and Jamaica.

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