



# Bard Youth Fest Fall 2024

## What's Bard Youth Fest in Fall 2024?

- A teaching artist from Bard will introduce your students to Shakespeare's language, characters, and stories
- With the help of this Bard Teaching Artist, each participating troupe will **prepare a short interpretation of excerpts from a Shakespeare play**
- **The Troupe will share their work** in the Bard Youth Fest finale at the end of November

## What will Bard provide?

- A **Bard Coach**: a [professional teaching artist](#) to facilitate rehearsals and guide your Troupe through regular sessions between October and November
- **Resources**: such as text, abridged scripts, games, and acting exercises
- A **venue for the rehearsals and Finale showcase** at the BMO Theatre Centre in Vancouver's Olympic Village

## If your Troupe is from a school or community program:

Troupes will need a **Troupe Liaison**, an adult such as a teacher or other staff member, who will:

- **Communicate with troupe** participants and their families, school administration (if applicable), Teaching Artists, and Bard Education staff
- **Create the rehearsal schedule** in collaboration with the Bard Education staff
- **Supervise and engage** with the Troupe during all Bard Youth Fest activities
- **Coordinate transportation** for participants to all Youth Fest events

## Timeline:

**By September 15 at 11:59pm:** [Sign up!](#)

**October 1 to November 26:** Create and rehearse!

**Thursday, November 28:** Attend a stage rehearsal at the [BMO Theatre Centre](#). Exact times TBD.

**Friday, November 29:** Bard Youth Fest Finale! Troupe(s) will share their piece and celebrate the process in a showcase at [BMO Theatre Centre](#) on Newmont Stage. Exact times TBD.

## Where will it happen?

- **Rehearsals:** Bard Education hosts rehearsals for the “Indie Troupe” at the BMO Theatre Centre (162 West 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Vancouver), on Tuesdays from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. School-based troupes will rehearse at their schools. Troupes not affiliated with a school must find a space to rehearse, such as a classroom or community room.
- **Stage rehearsal & Finale:** on the Newmont Stage at the BMO Theatre Centre in Vancouver’s Olympic Village.

## What does it cost?

~~\$3,500 per troupe~~ **FREE**, thanks to the generosity of the Pamela and David Richardson Family Foundation! Troupes will need to find funding to cover any transportation to the stage rehearsal, finale, and Festival production.

## About Scripts & Resources

Our Bard Education team have many interactive, inquiry-based resources to offer you and your troupe. These can be used to support the Troupe’s exploration of Shakespeare and enhance your own teaching practice! Resources include theatre games with a focus on expression and language, and “Shakespeare Shorts”, or abridged versions of popular plays.

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