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Boys and Girls Club grows with 'Shakespeare'

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Youth participants in the Boys and Girls Club's Theatre Club had a "Shakespeare" recently by performing a "Romeo and Juliet" tableau with a master teaching actor.

On Wednesday, the club also hosted an Iowa Shakespeare Experience performance of "Much Ado About Nothing" by the National Players, the oldest touring Shakespeare theater company in America.

The Iowa Shakespeare Experience, home of Des Moines' free Shakespeare Festival, is expanding its successful youth programming through mid-July in connection with a partnership with Metro Arts Alliance under funding from Bravo Greater Des Moines and the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines.

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Professional actors from the Iowa Shakespeare Experience will offer free Shakespearean workshops and individualized master classes for aspiring youth actors to work one-on-one or in small groups with actors from some of the nation's most well respected acting schools. Classes are under the direction of master teaching actor Lorenzo Sandoval.

Programs will be offered to libraries, schools and youth organizations. To request a program or for more information, e-mail robinheinman.pres@gmail.com.

Each student who attends one of the workshops will receive complimentary VIP seating for up to six people at Shakespeare Fest, July 16-19 at

Simon Estes Amphitheatre on the downtown Des Moines Riverwalk.

Go to www.iowaShakespeare.org for details.

- Submitted by Boys and Girls Club of Central Iowa

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Theatre Club members at the Boys and Girls Club act out a "Romeo and Juliet" tableau with master teaching actor Lorenzo Sandoval of the Iowa Shakespeare Experience. Youths on the left show the anger of the Montague family, and those on the right depict the love of Juliet. Shown in the center are "tale spinners" reacting to the story.

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