



Stratford FESTIVAL

Join us for an Honors weekend excursion to experience some of the best theatre North America has to offer.

Agenda

Friday, September 22

7 AM: Depart from EMU via bus

12 PM: Arrive in Stratford, Ontario, Lunch

2 PM: *Guys and Dolls* by Damon Runyon and Frank Loesser at the Festival Theatre

5 PM: Check into the Festival Inn (four students per room sharing queen-sized beds)

8 PM: *Timon of Athens* by William Shakespeare at the Tom Patterson Theatre

Saturday, September 23

10 AM - 2 PM: Explore Downtown Stratford

2 PM: *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare at the Festival Theatre

5 PM: Quick dinner and depart from Stratford

9:45 PM: Arrive in Ypsilanti

How to Buy Tickets, \$150

- Registration and a **non-refundable \$50 pre-payment** will be due on **Friday, September 8** to The Honors College between 8 AM and 5 PM
- There is a limited number of seats available and tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis
- **Final payment** will be due on **Friday, September 15** to The Honors College between 8 AM and 5 PM

Reminder

- This trip counts as a cultural experience towards your Honors requirements
- To earn credit, submit a one-page reflection about the experience (can be completed on the bus ride home)

Important Notes

- A passport or enhanced driver's license is required to cross the Canadian border
- If you do not have either, you must obtain an enhanced driver's license before the trip (visit michigan.gov and search "enhanced driver's license" for more information)
- Nothing that can be used as a weapon can be taken across the border (e.g. knives, pepper spray, etc.)

See back for a full description of each play.

Play Descriptions

Guys and Dolls

Desperate for funds to secure a venue for his illicit gambling enterprise, Nathan Detroit offers high roller Sky Masterson what he thinks is a safe bet. Can Sky take any doll Nathan cares to name on a date to Havana, Cuba? Surely not if the “doll” Nathan chooses is strait-laced Sergeant Sarah Brown of the Save-a-Soul Mission. But it turns out that hearts are at stake in this game as well as souls – and where love’s concerned there’s no telling how the dice will land.

Timon of Athens

Convinced of the essential goodness of humanity, the wealthy nobleman Timon ignores all warnings that his reckless generosity can lead only to ruin and disillusionment. Finding himself bankrupt at last, Timon seeks financial assistance from the flattering “friends” on whom he has bestowed so many extravagant gifts and such lavish hospitality. When all refuse him, he throws one last party – one that heralds a dramatic change in his attitude to the world.

Romeo and Juliet

Two families of Verona, the Montagues and the Capulets, have long been embroiled in a bitter feud – but despite their parents’ enmity, Romeo (a Montague) and Juliet (a Capulet) fall in love at first sight. The sympathetic Friar Laurence marries them in secret – then, when Romeo is banished for his part in a fatal street brawl, conceives a daring scheme to reunite them. But for these two “star-crossed lovers,” love and death seem fated to entwine in a tragic embrace.