

# THE QUEENS TRIBUNE

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## FREE SUMMER SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK IN QUEENS

By Barbara Arnstein

Imagine unleashing your anger by commanding a magical spirit to summon up a storm! This image is only the beginning of the amazing and amusing events in “The Tempest”, one of the two

family-friendly, fun Shakespeare plays presented in parks this summer by the Hip to Hip Theatre Company, celebrating its seventh season bigger and better than ever. The comedy “Love’s Labors Lost”, begins when a King and three of his close friends meet a Princess and three of her close friends, and the four men fall in love. Their hilarious attempts to impress the women involve puns, pranks and mysterious masks. Hip to Hip’s married co-founders and actors, Jason and Joy Marr, play the witty Berowne and Rosaline in “Love’s Labor’s Lost”, and the loyal Gonzalo and the magical spirit Ariel in “The Tempest”. Half an hour before every performance, kids can participate in fun games led by actors from the plays, involving theatre elements like acting, costumes and scenery, in a free program called “Kids & the Classics”. Admission for the plays is free but bring your own blanket or low chair and food.

“The Tempest” will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, in Flushing Meadows Park, August 8<sup>th</sup> at Crocheron Park in Bayside, August 10<sup>th</sup> at Gantry Plaza State Park, Newport-Jersey City at 7:30 p.m., August 15<sup>th</sup> outdoors at the Voelker Orth Museum in Flushing and August 17<sup>th</sup> at Southampton Agawam Park. July 27<sup>th</sup> it will be performed at 7 p.m. at O’Donohue Park-Rockaway, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. at Cunningham Park, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Sunnyside Gardens Park , and on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at Socrates Sculpture Park.

“Love’s Labor’s Lost” will be performed on July 25<sup>th</sup> at Crocheron Park in Bayside, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Lost Battalion Recreation Center, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at St. Albans Park, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. outdoors at the Voelker Orth Museum, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at Gantry Plaza State Park, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at Flushing Meadows Park, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. at Sunnyside Gardens Park, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at Socrates Sculpture Park and on August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at Southampton Agawam Park.

For more information, go to <http://www.hiptohip.org> or call (718) 729-8567.