

American Players Theatre

In September 2024, 546 Sauk County students attended four Student Matinee performances of productions from APT's 2024 season. This year's Student Matinees included performances of William Shakespeare's MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING and KING LEAR and Nathan Alan Davis' NAT TURNER IN JERUSALEM. Students and teachers also were invited to attend a post-show discussion with the cast following the matinee performances.

All schools that attended a matinee performance were offered APT's highly respected in-classroom workshops, free of charge. Eight APT Teaching Artists conducted 12 workshops for 225 students in River Valley Middle School and Reedsburg Area High School. These intentionally interactive, hands-on, inquisitive workshops occur within days of seeing a live performance and enable students to intensify their experience by participating in extended in-classroom interactions with professional actors and Teaching Artists.

All schools attending a Student Matinee were provided an extensively researched study guide based on our current productions, all free of charge. Teachers can easily download these materials, as well as study guides from past productions, from APT's website (americanplayers.org/programs/education/resources).



American Players Theatre's MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING (2024)
Marcus Truschinski as Benedict and Jessica Ko as Beatrice with Samantha Newcomb, Miranda Pepin, Briana Resa, and Bryant Louis Bentley.
Photo by Liz Lauren.
Photo taken on June 14, 2024.



APT Actor (Core Company) and Education Director David Daniel and APT Actor Ronald Román-Meléndez lead an in-class workshop at River Valley Middle School after students had seen a student matinee of Shakespeare's MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.
Photo by Lauren Walker.
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