

Shakespeare-a-Thon III: a two-day fundraising festival! **“SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW”**

to benefit the Judith Shakespeare Company NYC

AND Celebrating JSC's 20th Year!!

Saturday August 23 and Sunday August 24 – 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight

at **THIRSTY FAN RESTAURANT**

On Saturday August 23 and Sunday August 24, from 12noon to 12midnight on both days, the award-winning **JUDITH SHAKESPEARE COMPANY NYC** will present “**SHAKESPEARE-A-THON III: Something Old, Something New**” at **THIRSTY FAN RESTAURANT**, 254 W. 31st Street, NYC. Suggested donation of \$10 at the door. Further information and updates will be posted at: www.judithshakespeare.org. For more information on THIRSTY FAN RESTAURANT and detailed directions, visit www.thethirstyfan.com. (And this exciting fundraiser for JSC's upcoming productions takes place in their 20th year of production!)

Come celebrate JSC's 20th year at “Shakespeare-a-Thon,” as more than 50 actors recreate their roles in these 8 great plays over 24 hours - presented in "Shakespeare Unplugged" Concert Performance. This time there's something new added to the usual mix of classical plays – two works from JSC's RESURGENCE new play program: Molly Louis Shepard's *Tabula Rasa* and Paul Hagen's *The Rape of the Lock*. From misty memories of friendships across the color-barrier in 70's small-town Texas – to the hilarious 18th Century salon of Alexander Pope – to Shakespeare's British histories, Trojan War myths, and magical Mediterranean fairytales – JSC presents clear and fresh readings, featuring their famous non-traditional casting. Raise a glass to all your favorite characters – plucky heroines, brash warriors, troubled kings, shipwrecked families - and make new friends, too! Come hear one play or come hear them all! It's the same price to see one or to see all eight – a suggested donation at the door of just \$10! – Also, visit JSC's website to make a secure online pledge to support the actors and company in this marathon effort - www.judithshakespeare.org – or to place a bid in the fabulous online auction. (JSC's previous Shakespeare-a-Thons, in 2009 and 2012, raised the funds that made possible the company's unique productions of *Two Gentlemen of Verona* in 2010 and *Cymbeline* in 2012.)

Along with the play readings, THIRSTY FAN RESTAURANT will offer drink specials and their delicious casual menu throughout both evenings. Come party the weekend away, and help JSC raise funds for its next show! Judith Shakespeare Company is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, and all donations are tax-deductible.

Saturday, August 23

12noon – *Troilus and Cressida*

3pm – *King John*

6pm – *Tabula Rasa*

By Molly Louise Shepard

9pm – *The Tempest*

Sunday, August 24

12noon – *Henry VIII*

3pm – *Pericles*

6pm – *Cymbeline*

9pm – *The Rape of the Lock*

By Paul Hagen

Judith Shakespeare Company, founded in 1995, is committed to bringing Shakespeare's language to life with clarity and vitality, while expanding the presence of women in classical theatre. JSC has won an **OOBR Award**, and has been featured on national television's *Lifetime Live*. “...a passion and mastery of the text which is awe-inspiring.” – *British Theatre Guide, 2002* – www.judithshakespeare.org – plus FACEBOOK fan page!

Listing Information:

What:	Shakespeare-a-Thon III: “Something Old, Something New” a two-night fundraising festival for Judith Shakespeare Company NYC celebrating their 20 th Year in production
With:	Marathon reading of 8 Shakespeare plays, drink specials, raffles, online auction, more! www.judithshakespeare.org
When:	Saturday August 23 and Sunday August 24 – 12noon to 12midnight
Where:	THIRSTY FAN RESTAURANT, 254 West 31 st Street, NYC
Cost:	\$10 Suggested Donation at the door – same price for one play or for all eight plays! (drinks and food available for purchase at the venue – www.thethirstyfan.com)