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ELEMENTAL THEATER COLLECTIVE is bringing free outdoor classical theater to Rhode Island this Summer. We are proud to announce our summer tour of KING STAG, coming to parks and venues throughout the state, this June, July and August, 2007. Elemental's KING STAG is a modern adaptation of a classical theater piece about the transformative power of love. The play, written by Carlo Gozzi in 1762 and adapted by company member Dave Rabinow, promises to be a family-oriented romantic comedy with live musical numbers and stunning visual spectacle.

This magical fairy tale tells the story of an enchanted kingdom that's falling apart because its lonely King cannot find love. Moved by his own greed, his Prime Minister conspires to overthrow him with an evil spell that traps him inside the body of a deer. With the help of his magical statue, a talking parrot, and his one true love, the King resumes his throne and his kingdom is restored. People are transformed into animals, and animals into people, in this vibrant, fast-paced production, performed in rhyming verse by 9 actors playing a total of 25 roles. Rabinow, a local playwright, teams up with director Peter Sampieri to create a fresh, innovative, and irreverent adaptation, transforming an old play into a current fable, both funny and touching, that speaks to modern audiences of all ages.

The show will run under 90 minutes, and will be staged with Waterplace Park as its home base. IN addition to Waterplace Park, KING STAG is scheduled to perform in Coventry, Richmond, Foster, and Tiverton, as well as other sites in and around Providence. This site-specific production will embrace the environment around it, adapting itself to each new venue in its summer-long tour across the state.

The creative team reunites artists from four of the six seasons of the former Trinity Summer Shakespeare Project, including Sampieri (director, TAMING OF THE SHREW), and actors Alexander Platt (MACBETH, A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM) and D'Arcy Dersham (THE TEMPEST, COMEDY OF ERRORS).

This production will feature original songs, with book and lyrics by writer Rabinow and music by local musician and member of the Providence Singers, Paul Leonard Scharf. The music will be played live by members of the ensemble and covers a wide range of styles, from driving rockabilly to cooing doo-wop to moments of Gilbert and Sullivan-esque operettas. Director Sampieri explains, "Building off of our creative experiences from past productions, we'll use everything at our disposal, including improvisation, song and dance, mime, acrobatics and spectacle to bring this tale to vivid life."

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AT A GLANCE

EVENT: Elemental Theatre Collective Presents
KING STAG

LOCATION: Waterplace Park
Providence RI 02903

EVENT DATE: **Saturday, June 23 at 6:00 pm**
Saturday, July 14 at 6:00 pm
Saturday, July 28 at 6:00 pm
Saturday, August 18 at 6:00 pm

PRESS NIGHT: **Saturday, June 23 at 6:00 pm**

TICKET PRICE: FREE / GENERAL ADMISSION

MORE INFO: www.elementaltheatre.org

Summer tour schedule and booking information available at www.elementaltheatre.org
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