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The Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival and
Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation
Present the WORLD PREMIERE
36th Annual Shakespeare by the Sea Production of

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S FALSTAFF

July 9 - 12 and 16 - 19

Gates Open at 6:30 p.m.

Showtime at 8 p.m.

FREE ADMISSION

Suggested donation \$5/person

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William Shakespeare's *Falstaff*

Adapted for the Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival by Trent Stephens

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The Cast

SIR JOHN FALSTAFF.....Patrick Price
PRINCE HAL.....Kyler O'Brien
HOTSPUR/PISTOL.....Matthew Connor Paszkiet
HOSTESS QUICKLY/OTHERS..... Greta von Unruh
KING HENRY IV.....Christian Anderson
WORCESTER/OTHERS.....Alan Goodman
DOLL TEARSHEET/LADY PERCY/OTHERS..... Hannah Hayley
DOUGLAS/NORTHUMBERLAND/OTHERS.....Darryl Willis
POINS/PRINCE JOHN LANCASTER/OTHER.....Connor Hullender
PAGE/OTHERS.....Nat Calberg-Cona

Production Team

FOUNDER.....Kermit Christman
MANAGING PRODUCER Elizabeth Dashiell
PRODUCER/STAGE MANAGER..... Lisa Calberg
DIRECTOR.....Trent Stephens
SCENIC DESIGN.....Tim Saunders
SOUND DESIGN..... Chris Bell
LIGHTING DESIGN..... Kelsey Wells
ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER..... Patrick Burgee
COSTUME..... Penny Williams
MUSICIAN/RUNNING CREW..... Rowan Dashiell
MIC/AUDIO TECH..... Nat Calberg-Cona
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR.....Regan Dashiell

Pre-show entertainment from
Devon "The Sonnet Man" Glover
and Leoncarlo Canlas (July 9 -12 only)

About the Play

William Shakespeare's FALSTAFF is a celebration of The Bard's most beloved and well-drawn character, Sir John Falstaff. This adaptation bridges the plots of Henry IV parts 1 & 2 but includes text and references to the five plays in which this larger-than-life character occurs.

King Henry IV has usurped the crown from King Richard II. While managing a budding rebellion from his subjects to the north, he also struggles to manage his rebellious young son, Prince Hal, who has fallen into the dissolute company of Sir John Falstaff and his gang of drunken rogues. The Percy family of Northumberland, former allies to the king, join forces with the Welsh and the Scots to overthrow King Henry. Meanwhile, Prince Hal and his companion (and corruptor) Sir John Falstaff are drinking, carousing, and plotting robberies in Eastcheap. After an evening of robbery and an elaborate prank on Falstaff, Prince Hal receives sobering news about the rebellion and an impending battle. We see Prince Hal mature at the battle of Shrewsbury as he is forced to choose between his days of wild youth and his destiny as the heir apparent. On the battlefield, he meets his once friend, now rival, Henry Percy, "Hotspur." Hal wins the fight; the battle is won, but he believes Falstaff is dead. Falstaff, (having played possum to avoid the fight), rises from the ground and claims that he killed Hotspur.

Over time, Prince Hal realizes that he must forgo his wild companions. He sees Falstaff's true colors when Hal overhears him trash-talking the prince and his friend, Ned Poins. When visiting his dying father, Prince Hal thinks the king has died. In a moment of panic, he picks up the crown and puts it on his own head. The prince, shocked and ashamed to find his father alive, makes amends for his mistake. Once Prince Hal is crowned King Henry V, the new monarch immediately banishes Falstaff, breaking the old man's heart.

The Characters

<u>Rogues</u>	<u>Royals and Royalists</u>	<u>Rebels</u>
Sir John Falstaff	King Henry IV	Earl of Northumberland
Bardolf	Prince of Wales, Harry Monmouth	Harry Percy (Hotspur)
Peto	Prince John of Lancaster	Lady Percy
Ned Poins	Earl of Westmoreland	Earl of Worcester
Mistress Quickly	Earl of Warwick	Owain Glendower
Doll Tearsheet	Lord Chief Justice	Edmund Mortimor
Pistol		The Douglas
Falstaff's Page		Sir Richard Vernon
Country Justice Shallow		

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