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SUMMARY: SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL RETURNING FOR NINTH YEAR; TICKETS AVAILABLE AT BUEHLER'S

Orrville, Ohio, July 20, 2007 – The Shakespeare Festival returns to The University of Akron Wayne College on Sept. 21 and 22 – with performances of *The Taming of the Shrew* and *The Merchant of Venice*.

The festival will feature the acting troupe American Shakespeare Center on Tour. This troupe, formerly known as Shenandoah Shakespeare's Blackfriar's Stage Company, has been featured by Wayne College in its eight previous Shakespeare festivals.

“One of the hallmarks of this festival has been the excellent work of this troupe of actors,” says Dr. Jack Kristofco, dean of Wayne College and professor of English. “They bring great energy and originality to the plays, and I think the audience is growing as a result. Last year we had our largest crowds ever.”

Musica Felice returns to the Shakespeare Festival this year. Musica Felice, which translates to “happy music,” is a group of local musicians who perform in the Wayne College lobby before the performances each night. Bill and Marna Mateer and Ken and Jill Schafer are the main musicians in the group; however, they have been joined in past years by music students and guest vocalists. Musica Felice plays selections from the Baroque period and dress in costume, to the delight of theater patrons.

Show times both nights are 7:30 p.m. *The Taming of the Shrew* will be performed on Friday, Sept. 21, and *The Merchant of Venice* will be performed on Saturday, Sept. 22.

Buehler's Food Stores in Wayne, Medina and Ashland counties will be the ticket outlet for the event. Ticket sales begin Wednesday, Aug. 15. Prices for high school and college students are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door; for other community members, tickets are \$10 in advance and \$11 at the door. Tickets also will be available at the Wayne College Cashier's Window.

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Wayne College is a regional campus of The University of Akron, and offers the first two years of general bachelor's degree courses for students who plan to complete their degrees at the Akron campus or other colleges and universities. The general education transfer program also leads to the associate of arts degree or the associate of science degree. In addition, Wayne College can prepare students for a variety of paraprofessional and technical careers in business, industry and public service by offering a range of occupational education programs. The campus is located at 1901 Smucker Road in Orrville.

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