

The background features a stylized illustration of a night festival. At the top, a white diagonal banner contains the text 'HUDSON VALLEY SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL' in blue and black. Below the banner, a dark green night sky is filled with white stars and a string of white round lights. The sky transitions into a purple and blue landscape with rolling hills. In the foreground, four silhouettes of people are shown holding hands in a line, standing on a yellow ground. Confetti is scattered throughout the scene.

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HUDSON VALLEY SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL GALA

October 10, 2021, The Garrison

“What’s Past is Prologue”
– *The Tempest*



October 10, 2021

Dear Boscobel House & Gardens:

As we honor Boscobel House & Gardens today, on behalf of the entire Board of Directors of the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival (HVSF), I would like to express our deep appreciation to Boscobel and its board for HVSF's 34-year tenancy on your beautiful grounds and for your collaboration and support for our work over the years.

We are most grateful to you for welcoming our more than 500,000 audience members since 1988. Your historic treasures, landscaped grounds and gardens, and iconic view of the Hudson River set a special stage for our critically acclaimed outdoor theater experience.

Our organizations have combined in a marriage of strengths in our mutual effort to bring the best to our expanding community, building on our common appreciation for theater, history, landscape and the magic of the Hudson Highlands.

We wish Boscobel continued success as it enters its next chapter of service to our community and focuses on its mission "to engage diverse audiences in the Hudson Valley's ongoing, dynamic exchange between design, history and nature."

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin".

Robin Shelby Ardit
President of the Board



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September 28, 2021

Dear Friends,

Thank you all for attending the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival (HVSF)'s 2021 Gala celebration. It will be a night to remember and a time to cherish. It is my great pleasure to welcome you together as we honor the lives and art of visionary actors Kurt Rhoads and Nance Williamson.

HVSF's 2021 live season of theater featured the groundbreaking original production THE SPECTACULARLY LAMENTABLE TRIAL OF MIZ MARTHA WASHINGTON by James Ijames, with Nance in the role of Martha Washington, and the late Shakespeare classic THE TEMPEST in which Nance portrayed Alonso and Kurt played Stephano. Both productions received rave reviews, thanks in no small way, to the contributions of these two wonderful actors.

The performing arts are critically important to building vibrant communities, and HVSF showcases some of the most exceptional and diverse actors from around the world. In partnership with HVSF, Kurt and Nance have contributed so much to the culture of the Hudson Valley region. It is my hope that we will enjoy many more productions that feature Kurt and Nance as HVSF moves to its new, permanent home in Garrison, NY.

Please accept my best wishes for a captivating event and many more years of continued success and prosperity.

Sincerely

Sandy Galef
Assemblywoman, 95th A.D.

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Evening Itinerary

Outdoor Patio, Windgate Room and Decks

4:00PM – ARRIVAL

4:10PM – WALKING TOUR 1

Departing from Patio with Katie Hartke and Nora McNally-Reif

4:20PM – WALKING TOUR 2

Departing from Patio with Zack Fine, Gabra Zackman and Sean McNall

4:30–5:30PM – PASSED HORS D’OEUVRES

Decks and Patio

WELCOME

Robin Shelby Arditi

President, Board of Directors

Davis McCallum

Artistic Director

&

Kate Liberman

Managing Director

PERFORMANCE

Britney Simpson, Alex Donner Orchestra

5:30–6:30PM – DINNER

The Windgate Room, Decks, and Patio

River Room

(Please wear masks indoors)

LIVE AUCTION

Nicholas D. Lowry

President and Principal Auctioneer, Swann Galleries

Hudson Room and Ceremony Garden

Champagne and Dessert

Live Music with Alex Donner Orchestra

First-ever viewing of a model replica of HVSF's new theater campus

Menu

Hors d'oeuvres

Seasonal crostini with white bean puree

Pastrami Salmon on pumpernickel with
cream cheese, red onion, and dill

Chicken satay, with sweet soy

Baked brie and raspberry purses

Mini pulled pork sliders with coleslaw
and BBQ sauce on brioche

Dinner

Served Buffet Style

Cold antipasto with roasted red peppers,
fresh mozzarella, spiced olives and marinated
artichokes and mushrooms

Selection of cured meats

Tomato and parmesan focaccia

Baked rigatoni mezzi with roasted tomatoes
and herbed ricotta

Herb and garlic meatballs with marinara sauce

Dessert

Selection of cupcakes in chocolate, vanilla, and
red velvet, served with sparkling wine

Honorees



Kurt Rhoads & Nance Williamson

This evening, the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival is thrilled to honor the inimitable actors and innovators, Kurt Rhoads and Nance Williamson. We are particularly overjoyed to celebrate the lives and work of Kurt and Nance under the stars on the land that will become HVSF's new and permanent home. We look forward to spending many more evenings together with this wonderful couple!

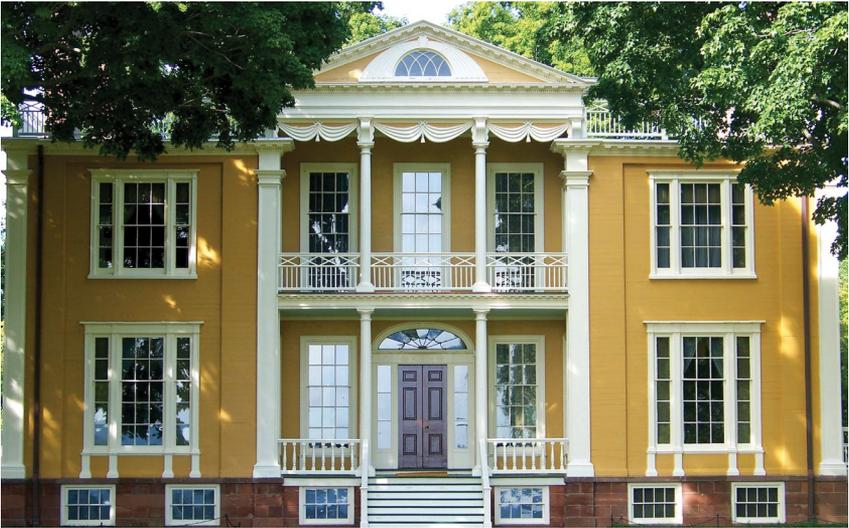
About Kurt

Kurt has performed for 23 seasons at HVSF, most recently seen as Stephano in *THE TEMPEST*. Favorite roles include: *AN ILIAD*, Tartuffe, Petruchio, Leontes, Macbeth, Iago, Launce, Antony, George Washington and Henry in *THE BOOK OF WILL*. He has directed at HVSF (5) and Westchester Community College (2). Additionally performed at the Everyman Theatre in Baltimore, at the Clarence Brown Theatre, and as a company member at the Dallas Theater Center. Kurt and actress Nance Williamson have worked together on 67 plays.

About Nance

In 2021, Nance returned to HVSF for a 20th season playing Martha Washington in *THE SPECTACULARLY LAMENTABLE TRIAL OF MIZ MARTHA WASHINGTON* and Alonso in *THE TEMPEST*. Favorite roles include Cleopatra, Tamora, Beatrice, Nurse, Lady M, Jacques, Kate, Mrs. Malaprop, Mrs. Bennet and so many others. She has had a 37-year acting career in film, television, commercials and over 150 plays regionally, off-Broadway and on Broadway. Nance and Kurt have been married 37 years and *THE TEMPEST* was their 67th production together.

Honorees



Boscobel House and Gardens

We are pleased to honor Boscobel House and Gardens this evening for their dedication and longstanding partnership with Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival. Since 1988, Boscobel has hosted HVSF's mainstage season on its expansive grounds that feature stunning Hudson River views, which have become an integral part of every HVSF theater production. This partnership has allowed the Festival to grow and thrive for decades. HVSF is deeply proud of our time at Boscobel and thanks our esteemed colleagues for their support of live theater.

About Boscobel

Boscobel opened as a nonprofit museum sixty years ago. Built between 1804 and 1808, it was originally the dream house of wealthy Loyalists. By the 1950s, after falling into disrepair, it was demolished. Preservationists saved as many architectural fragments as possible and reassembled them fifteen miles north, where the Neoclassical mansion was restored back to—and even beyond—its original grandeur. Boscobel was saved as a beautiful piece of art.

Now an esteemed Historic House Museum containing one of the finest collections of decorative arts from the Federal period, Boscobel offers admission to 68 acres of our grounds, featuring lush gardens and a woodland trail. Located in the heart of the Hudson Valley, Boscobel directly overlooks Constitution Marsh toward the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, showcasing dramatic views of the Hudson River.

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Nicholas D. Lowry is President and Principal Auctioneer of Swann Auction Galleries and is also the Director of Swann's Vintage Posters Department. Nicholas joined Swann—the family business—in 1995.

In 2001 Nicholas was named President of Swann. As one of the world's foremost authorities on vintage posters, he has spent nearly 25 years serving regularly as poster appraiser on the PBS television show *Antiques Roadshow*.

He currently sits on the Board of Governors of The National Arts Club, in New York City, for whom he is also Chairman of the Fine Arts Committee and is a member of the Advisory Board of New York's Poster House Museum where he was also a founding patron. In addition, Nicholas is actively involved with many worthy causes, and in a non-pandemic era, presides over as many as 20 charity auctions a year.

Auction Items

A curated selection of champagne from the collection of a friend of HVSF

A curated selection of red wines from the collection of a friend of HVSF

A week at a penthouse in Florence

Dinner at the home of HVSF's Artistic Director, Davis McCallum,
in conversation with Kurt Rhoads and Nance Williamson

Dinner in New York City at the private home
of landscape architect, Thomas Woltz

HVSF's Education Programs – Paddle Raise

Lot 1

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Vintage Champagnes

This lot has two bottles each of three great Champagnes, from some of France's greatest producers. Each of these bottlings has been impeccably aged in a humidity- and temperature-controlled environment and all are now in their prime drinking windows. This lot can be delivered locally or picked up at HVSF's offices the week after the auction.

96PTS
VM*

2004 Moët & Chandon Dom Perignon Rose

"A rich, voluptuous wine, the 2004 Rosé hits the palate with stunning depth and resonance. The flavors are bold, rich and beautifully resonant from start to finish. Raspberry, cranberry, smoke, spice and crushed rocks build to the stunning, powerful finish. Vinous and ample, the 2004 Rosé will drink well for decades. The 2004 just keeps getting better with time in bottle."

97PTS
VM*

2006 Louis Roederer Cristal

"Broad, ample and resonant on the palate, the 2006 Cristal dazzles with its pure richness and volume... Light, bright gold. Heady mineral- and smoke-accented citrus and orchard fruit aromas, with notes of fig, toasted nuts and sweet butter adding complexity and depth. Powerful, palate-staining poached pear and orange flavors are given spine by a smoky mineral quality, picking up floral and spicecake notes with air. Rich but lively and precise, finishing with superb clarity, power and spicy persistence."

95PTS
VM*

2006 Taittinger Comtes de Champagne Rose

"A dazzling, totally seductive wine, the 2006 Comtes de Champagne Rosé brings together finesse and power... Intensely perfumed, Pinot-inflected aromatics carry through the mid-palate and finish as the 2006 shows off its depth and pure energy. Veins of chalky minerality give the red berry and cranberry flavors an extra kick of energy. The 2006 is both powerful and delicate at the same, with crystalline precision and fabulous depth. Hints of orange peel, mint, cinnamon and cranberry add further shades of nuance on the complete, beautifully articulated finish."

*All scores and ratings are used courtesy of *The Wine Advocate* and *Vinous Media*.

Donated by Friends of HVSF.

Goods and Services: \$1,470. The remainder is a charitable donation.

Lot 2

HUDSON VALLEY SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL BENEFIT 2021



Great Wines of Tuscany & the Rhone

This lot includes two bottles each of six different wines – three from Tuscany and three from the Rhone Valley. The Tuscan wines in the lot are often referred to as the “Big Three” of Super-Tuscan wines and are all renowned for their quality and longevity. Likewise, the Rhone wines are from three of the greatest wine producers in the Rhone and are equally notable. All of the wines are now in their prime drinking windows, and all have been professionally stored in a temperature and humidity controlled environment. This lot can be delivered locally or picked up at HVSF’s offices the week after the auction.

97PTS
WA*

2006 Delas Freres Hermitage Les Bessards “This 2006 possesses fabulous fruit, full-bodied power, awesome concentration, and sweet, noble tannins.”

97PTS
WA*

2008 Tenuta Dell’Ornellaia “The 2008 is a huge, structured Ornellaia endowed with massive structure... This is a fabulous showing. Anticipated maturity: 2018-2033.”

97PTS
WA*

2008 Tenuta San Guido Bolgheri Sassicaia “The wine performs beautifully with an exalted performance and ethereal aromas. Yet, it also shows unmistakable richness and structure that gives the wine an enormous presence in terms of mouthfeel.”

100PTS
WA*

2010 Domaine de la Janasse Châteauneuf du Pape Cuvée Vieilles Vignes “Domaine de la Janasse is one of the great winemaking estates of not only France, but of the world.”

97PTS
WA*

2010 Marchesi Antinori Solaja “A firmly structured backbone is padded generously by the fleshy richness of its consistency. This is a gorgeous wine that will age for decades.”

100PTS
WA*

2010 M. Chapoutier Ermitage Le Meal Blanc “The 2010 Ermitage le Meal Blanc is pure perfection in a glass.”

*All scores and ratings are used courtesy of *The Wine Advocate* and *Vinous Media*.

Donated by Friends of HVSF.

Goods and Services: \$1,700. The remainder is a charitable donation.

Lot 3

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Penthouse In Florence, Italy

Relish a week spent in this romantic penthouse apartment in the historic heart of Florence, Italy.

You will be just moments from the Duomo, Ponte Vecchio, and the Uffizi museum. You can sit out on a balcony and watch the sunset bathe the facade of the Palazzo Vecchio. This location is unbeatable.

The charming apartment features a fully-equipped kitchen, living/dining room, rooftop terrace, two bedrooms and a bed/sitting room which is the ultimate room with a view! HVSF will put you in touch with Nicoletta Pini, one of the best Italian tour guides, who can assist with Tuscan winery tours, olive oil tastings, and much more. Experience everything that Florence has to offer!

Ciao, bella!

This two-bedroom apartment sleeps five adults, or four adults and two children. The penthouse is accessible by elevator plus one flight of stairs, and is centrally air-conditioned.

Donated by Patricia King.

Goods and Services: \$2,800. The remainder is a charitable donation.

Lot 4

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Dinner with Kurt and Nance at the home of Davis McCallum

Enjoy an elegant evening in Cold Spring, NY at the private home of Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival's Artistic Director, Davis McCallum. Over dinner, Davis will lead an intimate conversational interview with Kurt Rhoads and Nance Williamson in which they discuss acting, life, art, theater, and everything in between.

This is your chance to bring eight people together for an unforgettable and irreplaceable dining experience with artists and actors in the Hudson Valley. It is sure to be a memorable and captivating evening!

Donated by Davis McCallum and Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival.
Goods and Services: \$2,000. The remainder is a charitable donation.

Lot 5

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Dinner with Thomas Woltz

You and four guests will be treated to a private dinner prepared by chef Evan Hanczor at the home of landscape architect, Thomas Woltz in his fabulous New York City apartment as featured in the *New York Social Diary*. Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival is moving to a new home in Garrison, New York and Thomas' landscape architecture firm, Nelson Byrd Woltz, has designed the comprehensive plan for HVSF's cultural campus in the Hudson River Valley. Spend an evening discussing the exciting plans for HVSF's permanent home and so much more!

Thomas Woltz is the owner of Nelson Byrd Woltz Landscape Architects. Over the past two decades of practice Thomas and his team have infused narratives of the land into the places where people live, work, and play, engendering stewardship and inspiring connections between people and the natural world.

Evan Hanczor is a chef, writer, and activist whose work focuses on food justice, sustainability, and storytelling. The longtime chef of Egg restaurant in Brooklyn (with an outpost in Tokyo), Evan is a Star Chefs Rising Star awardee, a graduate of the James Beard Foundation's Chef's Boot Camp for Policy and Change, a member of the Chef Action Network, a Glynwood ambassador, a core member of FIG, and an inaugural member of the Sunnyslans Alumni Network. He is the co-author of *Breakfast: Recipes to Wake Up For* with Egg founder George Weld and the creator and editor of the *Tables of Contents Community Cookbook*.

Donated by Thomas Woltz and HVSF.

Goods and Services: \$1,000. The remainder is a charitable donation.

Lot 6

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Education Programs

Lend us your heart, filled with thankfulness! By raising your paddle this evening, you'll be supporting HVSF's mission-critical education programs that reach over 15,000 children and educators annually.

Through in-school residencies and workshops, touring performances, and family-centered programs, HVSF ensures that finding one's voice in the lines of Shakespeare is exciting and rewarding for all learners. With your support, HVSF will continue to touch the lives of children throughout the Hudson Valley and beyond through theater and engaging work that fosters self expression.

Your bid is essential to the continued success of HVSF's year-round Education Programs.

Mission

Rooted in the landscape of the Hudson Valley, with the plays of William Shakespeare as our touchstone, HVSF engages the widest possible audience in a theatrical celebration of our shared humanity.

Vision

We are a classical repertory theater that embraces the present moment, and our work springs from the most essential of elements – actor, audience, language, and landscape. As both a local community hub and a national arts destination, we foster meaningful human connections at the convergence of nature and culture.

Celebrating its 35th summer season in 2021, and final season at Boscobel House and Gardens, Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival (HVSF) is a critically acclaimed (*The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *The Wall Street Journal*), professional, non-profit theater company based in Garrison, NY, one-hour north of Manhattan.

The Festival has established a reputation for lucid, engaging, and highly inventive productions staged under an iconic, open-air Theater Tent overlooking the Hudson River. In recent years, the Festival has also ventured beyond the Tent, touring its work to other venues throughout the Hudson Valley, transferring productions to other theaters, engaging its community through radically participatory art-making, and reaching over 15,000 students and educators annually through its year-round Education programs.



And we have exciting news!

In 2022, the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival will begin our next act. For the first time in our 35 years, the company will have a permanent home – 98 acres of magnificent land in the heart of the Hudson Highlands. This new home represents one of the most significant acts of philanthropy in the American theater in more than a generation. Not only is this a singular opportunity for our theater company, it will also enable us to serve as a vibrant hub for our local community, a year-round cultural anchor for the greater Hudson Valley region, and a model for environmental sustainability in the American theater.

For more information and FAQs please visit hvshakespeare.org/newhome or scan QR code.



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