

Volunteer Liaison
Great River Shakespeare Festival
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Great River Shakespeare Festival (GRSF)
Glossary of Terms

AfterWill: A social gathering with Company members after a performance.

Callithump: A noisy and entertaining event staged by the GRSF Company to benefit GRSF.

Chill with Will: A free event for kids featuring a Shakespeare play with pre- and post-show programming.

Company Conversation: Q&A with the cast following a performance.

Concerts on the Green: Free concerts on the lawn in front of the theater on Friday and Saturday evenings during the Festival. Patrons may also picnic or purchase concessions.

Ask the Company: Q&A with actors on Sunday mornings.

Festival Weekends: Every weekend after the Opening Weekend featuring special events/traditions.

FOW (Friends of Will): Volunteer organization for GRSF.

FOH (Front of House): Spaces in the theater where patrons congregate: lobbies, hallways, & seating areas.

Front Porch Events: Saturday morning programs during Festival Weekends such as workshops, lectures, and films.

Great River Collegium: A series of short classes organized by community members. Led by a Shakespeare scholar in late winter and spring to discuss the upcoming plays.

Pre-Show Conversation: Information about the play presented by GRSF staff.

Season Preview: Public reception in the spring when casting and design elements for the upcoming season are presented.

Stakeholders Meeting: Annual event in the fall to announce the new season and share company news with the public.

SYA and SYD (Shakespeare for Young Actors and Designers): Student workshops for grades 7–12. Daily classes for 2–4 weeks, culminating in a final performance.

WillGuides: Volunteers who help guide patrons and answer questions in the Front of House.

WillReads: Pre-season programs about upcoming plays led by local scholars.

WOW (Will's Opening Weekend):
A celebration of the Season Opening with special events each day.

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**Volunteering for the
Great River Shakespeare
Festival**



Michael Fitzpatrick
& Chris Mixon
Twelfth Night, 2013
photo by Michal Daniel

Volunteers are vital to the health and well-being of the Great River Shakespeare Festival in Winona, Minnesota. The Festival provides professional theatrical, educational, and cultural opportunities all summer, every summer. Joining the Friends of Will provides volunteers with a popular and uniquely satisfying experience.



Stephanie Lambourn & Tarah Flanagan
King Henry V, 2013
photo by Michal Daniel



Why Become A Friend of Will?

- Receive priority information about events and performances.
- Work with the Company's professional artists, technicians and staff.
- Enjoy unique opportunities.

Volunteer Options

1. **Front-of-House Ushers:** Work inside and outside the theatre, take tickets, hand out playbills, assist patrons.
2. **Front-of-House Will-Guides:** Greet patrons outside the theatre, provide information about GRSF and the Winona community, facilitate traffic flow.
3. **Hospitality:** Donate or prepare food for GRSF Company meals, especially in mid-June.
4. **Move in/Move out:** Help move bins to and from the East Lake Apartments at WSU at the beginning and end of the season.
5. **Will's Opening Weekend (WOW):** Assist with marketing and festivities of opening weekend. Sell WOW buttons.
6. **Materials Distribution:** Distribute GRSF promotional materials in Winona and surrounding areas.
7. **Transportation:** Transport visiting artists, actors, speakers, and GRSF Company to and from area airports.
8. **Concessions/Parking:** Staff the concessions booth and parking areas during the season when Apprentices/Interns are in production.
9. **Other/Special Projects:** Occasional help is needed with educational programming, costume shop hand sewing, early housing, and last minute projects.

Learn how to become one of the

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Contact Information

I am interested in becoming a volunteer for the Great River Shakespeare Festival's **Friends of Will!** Complete and mail this form or visit grsf.org/volunteer.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Email

Phone

Mobile Phone

Choose any and all areas that might interest you. Refer to the descriptions on previous page.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Usher | <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Distribution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Will-Guide | <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Transport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Concessions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Move In/Out | <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Will's Opening Weekend | |

Please tell us about yourself and your interests!

Have you volunteered for GRSF in the past?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how many seasons? _____

Thank You Very Much!