

Idiot String / Samuel Peaches' Peripatetic Players
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Daring, destiny, or both? Bay Area outdoor-theatre troupe pays mashed-up homage to both “Romeo and Juliet” and “Star Wars”

Eccentric travelling thespian troupe **Samuel Peaches' Peripatetic Players** have announced a **2017 Bay Area Parks tour aboard FluxWagon**, their folding mobile stage.

This summer the Peripatetic Players will remount their 2016 hit **Shakespeare or Space Wars on Saturdays and Sundays July 8 - August 13**.

Shakespeare or Space Wars is described by one member of the troupe, Princess Gwen, as “an homage to two classic star-crossed tales of destiny and daring.” In this high-spirited theatrical feat, the Peripatetic Players find themselves caught between the long-held dream of Samuel Peaches, their troupe’s leader, to perform his very own (and very dramatic) adaptation of the classic tragedy *Romeo and Juliet*; and the irrepressible vision of Thumper, their Properties Master, to fill the stage with droids, spaceships and a thrilling space adventure inspired by another rather well known space adventure. The rest of the troupe is eager to put on either show -- or both -- so long as they get to perform!

Performances will take place on Saturdays and Sundays at various Bay Area parks and public spaces, including sites in Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, San Francisco, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Sonoma, and Port Costa. The Peripatetic Players’ tour is sponsored in part by **Alameda City Recreation and Parks, the Santa Clara City Library, Oakland Parks & Recreation, the City of San Mateo, the Port Costa Conservation Society, Adventure Playground, The Theatre School, Pied Piper Players, and Circus Center**. Performances are also presented in association with San Francisco Recreation & Parks and the City of Berkeley.

Performances begin at 1pm, but early arrivals can catch the Peripatetic Players assembling their stage, join in their vocal warm-ups, or volunteer for a cameo appearance in the show. At the July 15 Port Costa performance, picnic lunches will be available for sale from the Bull Valley Roadhouse, recently named one of the Bay Area’s 100 best restaurants by the *San Francisco Chronicle*. At the July 29 show at Precita Park, SF, youth performers from Circus Center will provide pre-show entertainment.

No reservations are necessary. All performances are presented free to the public, and donations are welcomed after the performance. Audience members are encouraged to bring their own picnic blankets or lawn chairs.

Information and performance schedule at peripateticplayers.org.

ABOUT THE PERIPATETIC PLAYERS & IDIOT STRING

The Peripatetic Players present stage adaptations of popular literature that are accessible to theatregoers of all ages. With a brightly-colored handcrafted aesthetic, the Peripatetic Players often perform outdoors on their custom-built mobile stage, **FluxWagon**. They make a point of performing without amplification, using “stage tricks” involving simple mechanisms that are plain to see, like trapdoors and pulley systems. The Players made their Bay Area debut with ***O Best Beloved***, an adaptation of Rudyard Kipling stories, at the **2013 San Francisco Fringe Festival**, winning a “Best of Fringe” designation. In 2014, performances of *O Best Beloved* inaugurated FluxWagon and the Peripatetic Players’ annual tradition of touring Bay Area parks. The Players toured ***Aesop Amuck***, based on the famous fables, in 2015, and premiered ***Shakespeare or Space Wars*** in 2016. More information at peripateticplayers.org

The Peripatetic Players are a creation of **Idiot String**, a Bay Area performance collective, led by **Joan Howard** and **Rebecca Longworth**, that is dedicated to creating new works of ensemble theatre. Idiot String’s mission is to create performances that are accessible to a broad audience and that inspire creativity, engagement in the physical world, and connection between people. Their work has been recognized with a **Stuart Award** for Excellence in Theatre, and funding from **Theatre Bay Area** and the **San Francisco Awesome Foundation**. Upcoming performances include the world premiere of a new play, ***Elixir of Life***, performed in Bay Area public spaces October 21 - November 12, 2017. More information at idiotstring.org.

CALENDAR LISTING INFORMATION

Samuel Peaches’ Peripatetic Players present:

Shakespeare or Space Wars

An outdoor theatre mashup of classic tales of destiny and daring! Travelling to Bay Area parks and public spaces, Saturdays and Sundays July 8 through August 13, 2017.

Saturday, July 8 @ 1pm

Mosswood Park, Oakland, CA

3612 Webster Street, Oakland - near the J. Mora Moss House

Sponsored by Oakland Parks & Recreation

Sunday, July 9 @ 1pm

Noe Valley Town Square, San Francisco, CA

3861 24th Street between Sanchez & Vicksburg

Presented in association with San Francisco Recreation & Parks

Saturday, July 15 @ 1pm

Port Costa School House lawn, Port Costa, CA

1 Plaza del Hambre, Port Costa - at the intersection of Canyon Lake Drive & Reservoir Street

Sponsored by the Port Costa Conservation Society

Picnic lunches available for sale from the Bull Valley Roadhouse, recently named one of the Bay Area's best restaurants by the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

Sunday, July 16 @ 1pm

Live Oak Park, Berkeley, CA

1301 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley

Presented in association with the City of Berkeley

Saturday, July 22 @ 1pm

City Plaza Park, Santa Clara, CA

1098 Lexington St, Santa Clara - near the Mission Branch Library

Sponsored by the Santa Clara City Library

Sunday, July 23 @ 1pm

Franklin Park, Alameda, CA

1432 San Antonio Avenue, Alameda - near the intersection of San Antonio and Paru Street

Sponsored by Alameda City Recreation and Parks

Saturday, July 29 @ 1pm

Precita Park, San Francisco, CA

3200 Folsom Street - near the intersection of Harrison Street and Precita Ave.

Sponsored by Circus Center and presented in association with San Francisco Recreation & Parks; youth performers from Circus Center will provide pre-show entertainment.

Sunday, July 30 @ 1pm

San Mateo, CA location to be announced

Sponsored by the Pied Piper Players and the City of San Mateo

Sunday, August 6 @ 1pm

Dimond Park, Oakland, CA

Dimond Avenue, one block north of MacArthur Blvd. - at the south end of the park

Sponsored by Oakland Parks & Recreation

Saturday, August 12 @ 1pm

Berkeley Marina, Berkeley, CA

160 University Ave, Berkeley - near Shorebird Nature Center and Adventure Playground

Sponsored by the Berkeley Marina and Adventure Playground

Sunday, August 13 @ 1pm

Sonoma, CA location to be announced

Presented in association with The Theatre School

Admission is free; donations accepted. No reservations necessary.

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