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## **Silicon Valley Shakespeare Earns Commendation from the City of San Jose**

*Mayor Liccardo and Councilmember Davis commend Silicon Valley Shakespeare for its ongoing efforts to deliver quality theatre to the local community and inspire local area youth*

**SAN JOSE, CA — October 26, 2017** — Mayor Sam Liccardo and Councilmember Devora Davis recognized Silicon Valley Shakespeare, an award winning, San Jose-based theatre company known for producing innovative, relevant theatrical experiences that illuminate and inspire modern audiences in a commendation presentation at Tuesday's San Jose City Council meeting.

During the presentation at the city's capital building, Silicon Valley Shakespeare was praised for delivering free theatre to local area youth aged 17 years and younger; and also for delivering access to arts and culture as well as free and subsidized educational programming across all demographic and economic profiles throughout San Jose.

Mayor Liccardo and Councilmember Davis also commended Silicon Valley Shakespeare for delivering world-class, award-winning theatre to local San Jose area residents, while at the same time promoting arts and cultural awareness.

Founded in 1999, the company has continued to expand its presence in San Jose. It has grown from one full-length show per year to three full length productions per season including one completely free production made available to the entire public, giving tens of thousands from throughout the greater San Jose area access to quality theatre.

"I'd like to thank Silicon Valley Shakespeare for their devotion to our community and in particular to our local area youth," states Councilwoman Davis, "San Jose flourishes because of our very strong and vibrant arts community and Silicon Valley Shakespeare is a shining example of this community."

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The commendation, was presented to Executive Director Doug Brook and Artistic Director Angie Higgins with a strong emphasis on their dedication and devotion to serve a worthy local-area nonprofit. "We thank the City of San Jose for this recognition and its ongoing support," said Brook. "We appreciate the City's ongoing support and as we enter our twentieth season we look forward to partnering with our councilmembers for many years to come, to jointly serve our local arts community and in particular our local youth."

Since 1999, Silicon Valley Shakespeare has breathed new life into the classics through unique and relevant theatrical experiences that illuminate and inspire modern audiences. They provide high-quality and affordable theatrical experiences and educational programs, allowing them to reach a diverse audience and build a new generation of theatregoers. All productions are free for everyone 17 and under. For more information, visit: [www.svshakespeare.org](http://www.svshakespeare.org).

If you'd like more information, or to schedule an interview, please contact Silicon Valley Shakespeare at 408.289.1901.

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From its founding in 1777 as California's first city, San Jose has been a leader, driven by its spirit of innovation. Today, San Jose stands as the largest city in Northern California and the Capital of Silicon Valley—the world's leading center of innovation. The city, the 10th largest in the U.S., is committed to remaining a top-ranked place to do business, to work and to live. For more information, visit, [www.sanjoseca.gov](http://www.sanjoseca.gov).

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