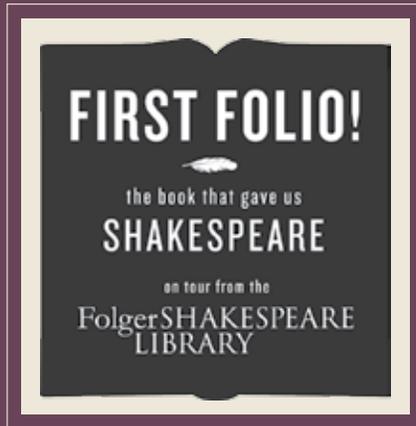


# shaking up Shakespeare Festival

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The First Folio of Shakespeare, published in 1623, is one of the most famous books in the world. Published seven years after William Shakespeare's death, it was the first collected edition of his plays. Shakespeare's fellow actors John Heminge and Henry Condell compiled the First Folio, which contains 36 plays.

When Shakespeare died in 1616, only about half of his plays had been individually published. Another 18 are known today only because they were included in the First Folio; without it, they would have been lost. Among them are *Macbeth*, *Twelfth Night*, *Julius Caesar*, and *The Tempest*.

The First Folio also includes a portrait of Shakespeare by Martin Droeshout. This engraving is one of only two likenesses of Shakespeare that are considered authentic, because it was approved by those who knew him. The other is the bust from his memorial in Holy Trinity Church in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Folios are large books, created by folding printed sheets in half to create two double-sided leaves, or four pages per sheet. They were usually reserved for important matters—Bibles, history, and science—categories that typically did not include plays! The 1623 First Folio is the earliest folio made up only of plays.

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# The First Folio of Shakespeare

## Who published the First Folio?

The First Folio was published by a London syndicate headed by Edward Blount and Isaac Jaggard, whose father William Jaggard printed it at his London printing shop. It is widely considered to be the most important literary publication in the English language.

## How many copies of the First Folio were printed?

Most likely about 750 copies were printed, of which 235 are known today. A second edition (the 1632 Second Folio) was produced nine years later. The Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, DC, holds the world's largest collection with 82 copies.

## How large is the First Folio?

The First Folio is about 900 pages. Each page is about a foot tall.

## How much did the First Folio cost?

Scholar Peter Blayney suggests that an unbound copy of the First Folio cost 15 shillings; a copy with a plain calf binding cost 20 shillings, about \$200 today. A First Folio sold in May 2016 at Christie's auction fetched more than \$3 million.

## Did Shakespeare write other plays?

Yes, but not many. Shakespeare also wrote *Pericles* and *The Two Noble Kinsmen* (with John Fletcher). Another play, *Cardenio*, has been lost. Some scholars have argued that Shakespeare collaborated on other plays.



Engraving of William Shakespeare by Martin Droeshout

## DID YOU KNOW?

In Bismarck, you can find a Shakespearian connection at the Former Governors' Mansion, 320 E. Ave. B.

Find Shylock and Ophelia in the original 1884 fireplace tiles. Visit and ask the staff for more information.



# Free Programs and Events

Join us for a month of Bard enchantment. All events at the ND Heritage Center & State Museum unless otherwise noted.

- June 27**      **Music & Theater** from the time of Shakespeare by New York Kammermusiker, 5:30 p.m., Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site, 320 East Avenue B, Bismarck
- June 28**      **Music & Theater** from the time of Shakespeare by New York Kammermusiker, 7 p.m., Russell Reid Auditorium
- July 5**        **West Side Story**, movie showing at 10 a.m.; 3 p.m.; 7 p.m. with discussion, Russell Reid Auditorium
- July 6-31**    **First Folio! The Book That Gave Us Shakespeare** on exhibit. Also, *Shakespeare in Our Lives* featuring quilts inspired by Shakespeare's quotes created by Designing Quilters of Fargo-Moorhead, and performance memorabilia from Capitol Shakespeare. James E. Sperry Gallery
- July 9**        **Children's Renaissance Faire**, 2 to 6 p.m. This opening event includes costumed activities, games, demonstrations, and performances by Capitol Shakespeare, Badlands Plaza.
- July 12**      **Romeo and Juliet**, movie showing at 10 a.m.; 3 p.m.; 7 p.m. with discussion, Russell Reid Auditorium
- July 16**      **Teacher Workshop**, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. CEU available. Contact Erik Holland, 701.328.2792 or eholland@nd.gov. Find a full schedule at [history.nd.gov/Shakespeare](http://history.nd.gov/Shakespeare).
- July 16**      **The History of Shakespeare in North Dakota**, 3 p.m. Presentation by humanities scholar Clay Jenkinson, Russell Reid Auditorium
- July 19**      **Macbeth**, movie showing at 10 a.m.; 3 p.m. with discussion at 6 p.m.; 7 p.m., Russell Reid Auditorium
- July 20-24**    **Much Ado About Nothing**, 7 p.m. Performance by Capitol Shakespeare, Prairie Amphitheater
- July 26**      **A Midsummer Night's Dream**, movie showing at 10 a.m.; 3 p.m.; 7 p.m. with discussion, Russell Reid Auditorium
- July 31**      **Love's the Thing**, 2 p.m. Presented by Capitol Shakespeare Children's Traveling Troupe. Performance of scenes from the First Folio highlighting the many types of love portrayed by Shakespeare, Russell Reid Auditorium