

Shakespeare '70 Troupe To Present "The Tempest"

Shakespeare '70, Mercer County's classical repertory company, will kick off the Summer Festival at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre with *The Tempest* over the first two weekends in July.

Performances will be on Fridays, July 2 and 9 at 8 p.m.; Saturdays, July 3 at 8 p.m. and July 10 at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, July 11 at 2 p.m. There will be no show on Sunday, July 4.

One of Shakespeare's final plays, *The Tempest* weaves together drama, comedy, pageantry, and some of the bard's most beloved poetry. The play's dark dealings are interwoven into a plot filled with complex themes. Prospero, the great magician and driving force of *The Tempest*, has created an opportunity for revenge on the enemies who stole his dukedom, and cast him and his daughter adrift on the Mediterranean Sea. With the evildoers in his power on his island, he instead forgoes vengeance and directs the romance of Miranda and Ferdinand as the means for forgiveness and restoration.

Starring in *The Tempest* will be Dale Simon of Flemington as Prospero, Heather Duncan of Aberdeen as Miranda, Ray Fallon of Westmont as Ferdinand, Madeline Patrick of Hamilton as Ariel, James Introcaso of Collingswood as Caliban, Steve Lobis of Morrisville as Alonso, John Anastasio of Ewing as Gonzalo, Michael Krahel of Hillsborough as Sebastian, Andrew Timmes of Colonia

as Antonio, Patrick Albanus of Hamilton as Stephano, and Vegas Lancaster of Cherry Hill as Trinculo.

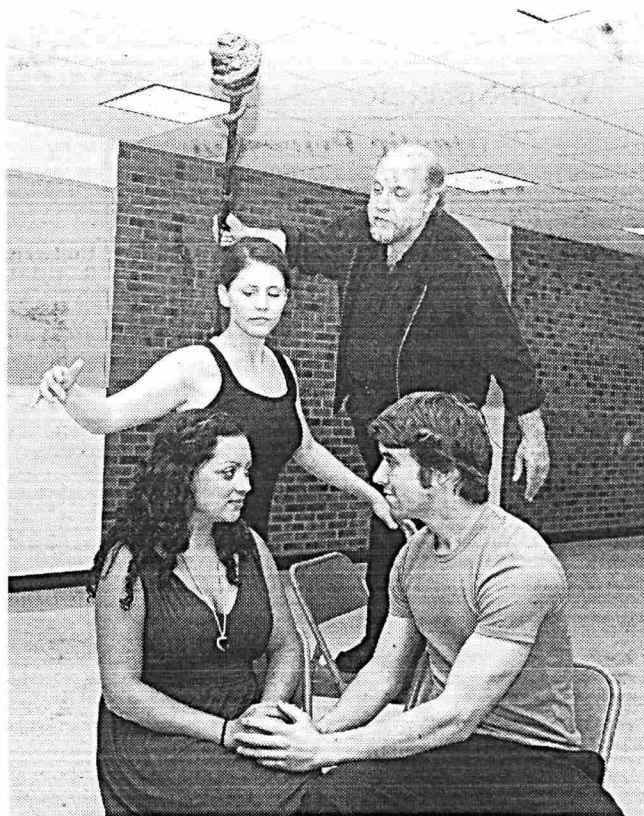
The production will be directed by Dr. John F. Erath of Biddeford Pool, Maine, in his 41st summer with Shakespeare '70.

Prior to the show on Saturday, July 3, Shakespeare '70 will host a silent auction in the theater lobby featuring Shakespearean-themed items such as scripts and artwork. Bidding will start

at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors, and \$10 for students and children, and may be purchased online at www.kelseytheatre.net or by calling the Kelsey box office at (609) 570-3333.

Other shows in the Kelsey Summer Festival will be *Plaza Suite* from July 16 to 25, and a musical version of *Cinderella* July 30 to August 8. The discounted series package is \$26 for adults, \$23 for seniors, and \$20 for students/children.



BARD CERTIFIED: In rehearsal for "The Tempest," to be presented by Shakespeare '70 at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre July 2 to 11, are, seated from left, Heather Duncan and Ray Fallon, and standing, Maddie Patrick and Dale Simon. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors, and \$10 for students and children. To order, call (609) 570-3333 or visit www.kelseytheatre.net.

