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**The Shakespeare Center of Los Angeles**

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**UCLA William Andrews Clark Memorial Library**

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**2nd Annual
Summer Shakespeare Institute**

**for Teachers**

July 8-19, 2019

**May 4, 2019 Los Angeles, CA** – The Shakespeare Center of Los Angeles and the UCLA William Andrews Clark Memorial Library announce the second annual Summer Shakespeare Institute for teachers, July 8-19, 2019.

The Institute, led by Shakespeare scholar and director Louis Fantasia, offers an intensive curriculum of class room pedagogy, practical theatre and scholarly research. Classes, taught by a distinguished international faculty, meet five days a week, Monday through Friday, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Classes are held at both the Clark Library, in the Los Angeles West Adams district, and the Shakespeare Center.

The theme of this summer’s institute is, “Look on Beauty: Shakespeare and the Politics of Aesthetics.” Participants will study three plays, *Love’s Labour’s Lost*, *12th Night*, and *Measure for Measure*, as well as Shakespeare’s Sonnets. Course work includes voice, movement, text analysis, scene study, improvisation, teaching tools for classroom strategies, and hands on work with rare books from the Clark’s 17th and 18th Century collections.

“Beauty,” according to institute director Louis Fantasia, “assumes the ability to make an ‘impact’ - that the viewer or listener is willing to stop, look, listen, and evaluate the “beautiful.” Classical concepts of beauty are often considered elitist or irrelevant today, as well as symbols of an assumed cultural privilege. How does one teach concepts of “beauty” without instilling a certain value system? What are the ways we learn to evaluate, discriminate and incorporate the “beautiful” in our lives in an era of public incivility? These are some of the questions raised in the context of the three plays that we will study.”

The Summer Shakespeare Institute has been approved for Professional Development Credit by the Los Angeles Unified School District. Tuition for the two-week institute is $250, which includes instruction, lunch and tickets to plays and museums. For further information or to register contact Marina Oliva at marina@shakespearecenter.org (213) 481-2273 x15 or go to [www.shakespearecenter.org/the-shakespeare-institute](http://www.shakespearecenter.org/the-shakespeare-institute)

**About The Shakespeare Center of Los Angeles**

The Shakespeare Center of Los Angeles (SCLA) has over 30 years of award-winning history in Los Angeles. SCLA offers outreach programs such as Will Power to Youth, Veterans In Art, and Will Power to Schools, a program providing professional teacher training.

**Details**

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