

Tickets Going Fast for The Toast of the Town “Shakespeare in the Parks...Inside and Out”

Bozeman – Celebrate Montana Shakespeare in the Parks at the all new ***Toast of the Town*** – an all-inclusive, outdoor summer gala Friday, July 24 @ 6:00 p.m. in The Grove just east of the Duck Pond on the MSU campus.

Even if you cannot attend *The Toast*, you can support Montana Shakespeare in the Parks by participating in an incredible opportunity – buy a 1 in 10 chance to win the Reverse Flamingo Raffle. Brought back by popular demand, this exciting Raffle features a \$12,000 grand prize of a state-of-the art Sony 40” 1080p 120Hz Flat Panel Display, along with a Full 5.1 Audiophile Quality Surround system from Triad Speakers and Integra Audio. Basic installation is included along with expert video and audio calibration all courtesy of Studio AV.

Plus there are 9 exciting consolation prizes, valued @ \$300 - \$500; all donated from a tour community where MSIP performs during the summer season.

Since only 100 raffle tickets will be sold, *your chance of winning is One in Ten!* Where else can you get those kinds of odds?

Guests are guaranteed an evening of fabulous food and drink, great company and a side of Shakespeare in the Parks not publicly seen before. A \$100 ticket covers everything from cocktails and hors d'oeuvres to a three-course sit-down dinner with wine.

Traditionally, The Toast has always ended with a performance in The Grove, but this year, in order for guests to experience ‘Montana Shakespeare in the Parks...Inside and Out’, the acting company and other special guests will be an intimate part of the evening; sharing stories, amusing mishaps and adventures as well as some select scenes. Actor Bill Pullman whose Hollywood credits include *Independence Day*, *While You Were Sleeping* and most recently, *Bottle Shock*, will also take part in the festivities. Pullman’s acting/directing career has included five seasons with Montana Shakespeare in the Parks from 1977-81 during the Company’s early years.

The evening features: two open bars by the Zebra Cocktail Lounge and Southern Wine & Spirits of America; hors d'oeuvres by Sola Café; reserved seating & dinner with your choice of entrée; desserts by Elle’s Belles Bakery & Café; Mystery Gifts, a Live Auction and as always free valet parking. The auction will consist of exclusively Shakespeare related items that will include: a priceless VIP “Behind the Scenes” visit to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland; an original Dana Aaberg painting of MSIP’s *The Tempest*; a all-inclusive four-course dinner for 10 catered by Weebee’s and served at a final dress rehearsal for your choice of a summer 2010 production; a private *Shakespeare in the Schools* performance of *The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet* and a private performance of MONTANA SHAKES!.

Tickets are going fast! Contact Kathy at 406-994-1220 or kjahnke@montana.edu for tickets to *The Toast* as well as for The Reverse Flamingo Raffle.