

South Before Winter

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Summer's lease hath all too short a date.

— William Shakespeare

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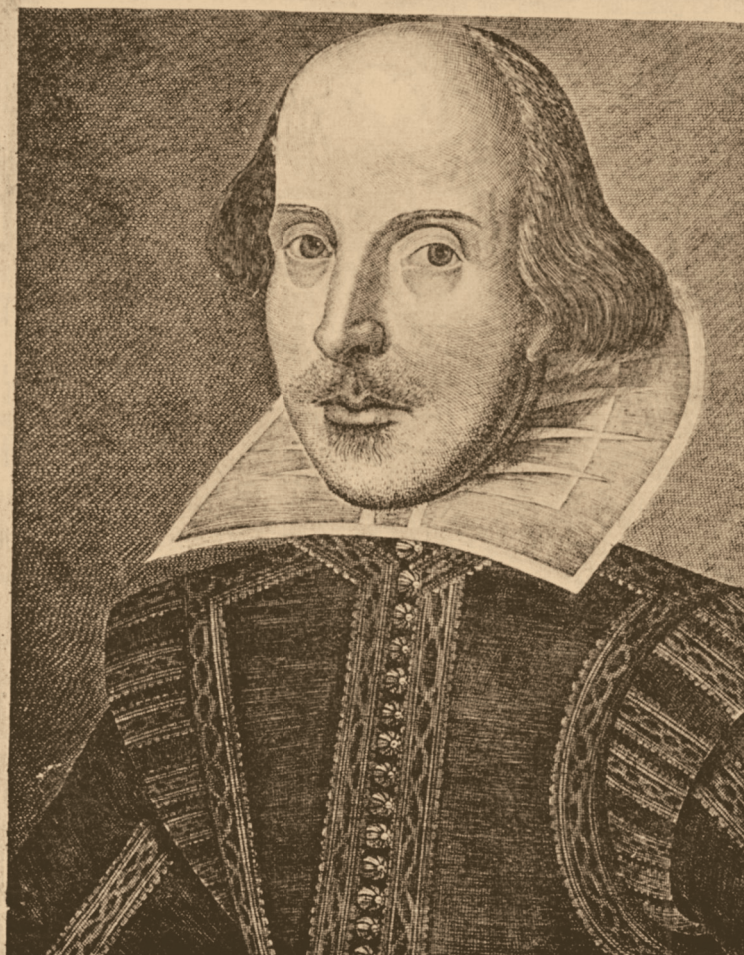


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The 2007 outdoor season presents Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, *The Taming of the Shrew* and *Romeo and Juliet*. Featured in the photo above is the 2005 set and ensemble in *The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus*.

Despite the passing of four centuries, Shakespeare is still widely considered the master of giving poetic voice to humanity's most enduring troubles — one of which is the end of summer.

As the days cool and shorten into fall, why not plan one last summer road trip, perhaps as homage to the Bard? Make your way down to the charming town of Ashland to eat, drink and be merry — with a side of tragicomedy thrown in for good measure.

Lodging

As you can imagine, lodging options abound in this town, one that sees its fair share of tourists year round. Here are a few havens that may be particularly convenient for theater patrons.

The **Ashland Springs Hotel**, located just one block from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, is a local landmark. Originally opened in 1925, the beautifully-restored structure is listed on the

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