

Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives of Windsor" at Creative 360 on December 5

What: *The Merry Wives of Windsor*

Where: Creative 360 (formerly Creative Spirit Center) at 1517 Bayliss in Midland.

When: Sunday, December 5 / 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$18/\$15 members includes afterglow and wassail bowl with the actors

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Midland – The Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Company, Michigan's only year-round, touring Shakespeare company, will begin their winter tour with *The Merry Wives of Windsor* at Creative 360 in Midland on Sunday, December 5 at 2:00 p.m.

The story is told that Shakespeare wrote *The Merry Wives of Windsor* at the request of Queen Elizabeth I, who wanted to see a play about Falstaff, the famously comedic knight from Shakespeare's *Henry IV, Parts I and II*, in love. In *The Merry Wives*, Falstaff plots to woo not one, but two, of Windsor's prominent women away from their husbands. The women, Mistress Page and Mistress Ford, catch on to his plan, and the joke is on Falstaff. A cast of quirky characters inhabit Windsor in this whimsical comedy.

The PCS Company offers this rarely performed comedy in accessible, engaging original performance conditions. Bring your holiday guests to this special end-of-year treat at Creative 360. Following the performance, enjoy the afterglow and wassail bowl with the actors.

Pigeon Creek's cast features actor Scott Wright as Falstaff, along with Kathleen Bode, Heather Folkvord, Jackie Frid, Brooke Heintz, Kat Hermes, Scott Lange, Dustin Mason, Katherine Mayberry, Michael Opatick, Joel L. Schindlbeck, and Christian Vigrass.

Tickets are available at <http://www.becreative360.org> or by phone at 989-837-1885.

About the artists

Midland audiences have enjoyed the work of Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Company at Creative 360 since 2008. Based in Grand Haven, the troupe offers performances of Shakespeare's works to Michigan audiences in a variety of non-traditional theatre venues.

Pigeon Creek Shakespeare employs techniques of theatrical performance such as universal lighting and audience contact to adapt its productions to multiple performance venues, and to actively engage audience members in performance.

The company's goals are to explore the original theatrical practices of the acting companies of Shakespeare's time; to provide high quality productions of works by Shakespeare and his contemporaries to regional theatre audiences; to provide local actors, directors, and stage managers the opportunity to work with and receive training in an original practice approach to Shakespeare's plays; and to maintain an organizational philosophy in which theatre practitioners participate in the administration of the company on a regular basis.

For further information about the Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Company, visit <http://www.pcshakespeare.com>.

About Creative 360

Creative 360 is a not-for-profit community arts and wellness organization. The organization incorporated in 1994 as Creative Spirit Center and began offering programs in fall of 1995. The Center's mission is help people of all ages to experience the creative process through ongoing classes, art exhibits, events, concerts, speakers and outreach programs; and its goal is to enhance the development of physical, mental and spiritual wellness through the arts and humanities. Visit www.becreative360.org for information about the offerings at Creative 360, or call (989) 837-1885 to request a mailed copy of the current schedule.

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