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Shakespeare Festival Comes to Pondo

On January 27th, the Ponderosa High School Drama Department will host a team of actors from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival as part of the *Oregon Shakespeare Festival's School Visit Program*. Now in its 40th year, the program is one of the largest outreach programs in the country. Students will hear works of Shakespeare and other great writers presented in ways that engage their imaginations. Drama Teacher Jennifer Schmelzer says, "It's going to be an exciting day of performances and workshops." The program's goal is to create vital partnerships with teachers to offer them new techniques for teaching Shakespeare, exchange ideas, and learn strategies for making great literature come alive. Schmelzer adds, "The workshops are actually very valuable to watch. They take a very hands-on approach with the students, and their methods for teaching in the workshop could be applied across curriculums. Plus, it's a chance to see professional actors and professional theatre right here in our own theatre!"

Schedule for media coverage only. . . .

- 8:15 – 9:05 Shakespeare Performance (a condensed version of one Shakespeareplay or selectes scense built around a theme)
- 9:15 – 10:05 Workshop with the advanced drama class
- 10: 15 – 11:05 Workshop with the intermediate drama class
- 12: 45 – 1:35 Combination Performance incorporating literature and poetry along with Shakespeare