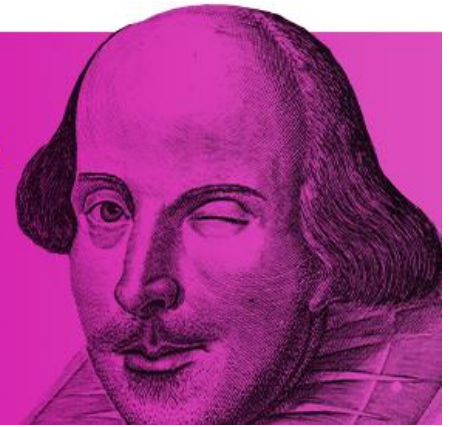


ASIDES



Trailer: Welcome to ASIDES

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Sara B.T. Thiel: Hello! And welcome to ASIDES from Chicago Shakespeare Theater, a new podcast brought to you from our home on Chicago's Navy Pier—though *currently* brought to you from the many homes of CST's staff, artists, and scholars around the Chicagoland area. It's April 2020, so we're all working from home to share our work with you in this brave new world. Thanks for being here.

I'm your host, Sara B.T. Thiel, Public Humanities Manager at Chicago Shakespeare Theater—and through our upcoming episodes you'll meet many of my colleagues at CST, too.

We were inspired by Shakespeare's use of "asides"—moments when characters turn directly to you, the audience, to pull you into the story. Characters may let you in on a joke, share a secret, or even ask a question. This podcast will bring you valuable insights from our team of scholars:

Stephen Bennett: You may be wondering what a prairie vole has to do with *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

SBT: conversations with artists:

Jonathan Hill: On more than one occasion, I've had to load a show in through a second-story door.

SBT: And questions from our listeners:

Audience Member: What sort of punishment could we expect Friar Laurence to suffer after the close of *Romeo and Juliet*?

SBT: Speaking of questions, are you curious about something you've seen on stage at CST? Do you have questions for the ASIDES team? You can email us at asides@chicagoshakes.com. Or you can call us at: 312-667-5631.

Whether you've been coming to Chicago Shakespeare for years or you've not yet had the chance to visit us at our home on Chicago's Navy Pier, we hope this podcast will be a way for all of us at CST to connect with you. Thanks for joining us. We're glad you're here.

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