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Denver Students Perform Record Number of Scenes at 31st Annual DPS Shakespeare Festival

5,000 Students Perform 630 Scenes at Country's Largest Shakespeare Festival

Denver – April 24, 2015 – Today, thousands of Denver Public Schools students took to the stage and celebrated the works of William Shakespeare at the 31st Annual Shakespeare Festival, presented by the [Denver Center for the Performing Arts](#) and the [Denver Public Schools Foundation](#). Donning theatrical costumes, about 5,000 DPS students in grades K-12 from 70 schools attended the DPS Shakespeare Festival, the oldest and largest Shakespeare Festival in the country – and possibly the world. Performing on 14 stages throughout the day-long event, students performed more than 630 scenes and sonnets, a 15 percent increase over last year and a record number in the festival's history.

The Shakespeare Festival provides a forum for students to perform sonnets and scenes from the works of Shakespeare, as well as demonstrate dance and vocal and instrumental music of Shakespeare's time.

"The Shakespeare Festival is truly one of Denver's most theatrical and artistic events of the year. It provides our students with a wonderful forum to demonstrate their talent as performers and to have great fun," said DPS Superintendent Tom Boasberg. "This event brings out the artist, actor, and leader in each of our kids."

"We are deeply grateful to the Denver Center for the Performing Arts for their partnership to support the DPS Shakespeare Festival this year. It has been incredible to see such strong participation and support of Denver's students participating in such an impressive and theatrical event year on year," said Denver Public Schools Foundation President and CEO Kristin Colon. "It's events such as the Shakespeare Festival that offer students opportunities to perform and develop their public speaking and leadership skills."

[More about the DPS Shakespeare Festival](#)

About the Denver Center for the Performing Arts Partnership

The Denver Center for the Performing Arts is proud to partner with the Denver Shakespeare Festival. Our 30+ years in the community offers a common history. Our focus on great theatre classics provides a shared vision. And our commitment to engage youth through theatre education motivates us with a unified purpose. Together we will combine history's greatest plays with passionate teachers and

inspired young actors to expose thousands of students and spectators to the joy of live theatre.