

## *The Cathy J. Siebert\* Stratford Travel Award*

The Stratford Travel Award provides an opportunity for a Lansing Community College student to attend theater productions during the Stratford Festival in Stratford, Ontario. Established in 1999 by LCC faculty members Nan Jackson and Vern Mesler to commemorate Cathy J. Siebert's completion of a doctorate in English Education from Michigan State University, the award celebrates the relevance of Shakespeare's plays to our lives today and seeks to encourage an appreciation of his work as it was meant to be experienced—through live performance.

An award of \$250 is given each May to be used for travel expenses to Stratford, Ontario, and the purchase of theater ticket(s) to a Shakespeare play (and others, as desired). **The recipient must agree to use the money for this purpose and to contribute to the "Portfolio of Stratford Experiences" upon his/her return.** Preference is given to a student attending the Stratford Festival for the first time. In order to qualify for the award, the student must have successfully completed or be currently enrolled in ENGL 122 or ENGL 290.

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According to its mandate, "The Stratford Festival is a not-for-profit repertory theatre festival, permanently located in Stratford, Ontario, Canada. Its purpose is to produce the best in classical and contemporary repertoire, with a special emphasis on the works of William Shakespeare." The 2008 Playbill includes the following Shakespeare plays:

*Macbeth*  
*Julius Caesar*  
*A Midsummer Night's Dream*

The season runs from May to November.  
For more information about the festival, plays, and lodging,  
call 1-800-567-1600 or visit the Stratford Festival website: (<http://www.stratford-festival.on.ca>).

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\* Prior to joining the faculty at Ball State University, Cathy Siebert taught English and Writing at LCC as an adjunct faculty member.

# *APPLICATION*

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

LCC Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester/Year enrolled in ENGL 122/ENGL 290: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending the Stratford Festival for the first time?    YES    NO

Please attach a 100-150 word essay (typed) in which you address the following question:

Shakespeare has been dead for almost 400 years. Some people question the relevance of his works to life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Given this, in what ways will attending one of his plays contribute to your own life personally or academically?

**In the event that you are the recipient of this award, you must agree to contribute to the “Portfolio of Stratford Experiences.”** We anticipate this portfolio will become an archive of award recipients’ experiences. Others interested in applying for the award could access the portfolio to acquire a sense of what past recipients thought of their trip, the play, Shakespeare, etc. Your contribution would include a brief written narrative of your experiences. We would also like to encourage the inclusion of artifacts such as pictures, playbills, ticket stubs, etc., to enliven the portfolio. The due date for portfolio submission is September 15<sup>th</sup> of the year of travel.

### **APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH 5PM, FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2009**

Submit the application form and essay to Teresa Purvis, Humanities & Performing Arts Department, A&S 255.

THE AWARD RECIPIENT WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MAY 7<sup>th</sup>.