

## More Theater we think you'll like!

### The Stage Company

Last of the Red Hot Lovers (February)  
Other Desert Cities (April)  
Mother Hicks (July)

### SIUC Theater Department

Die Fledermaus (February)  
Joan's Laughter (April)  
Radio Golf (April)

### JALC Theater

Picasso at the Lapine Agile (March)

### Stone Soup Shakespeare (that's us)

Titus Andronicus – a reading and Pie Baking Competition  
*March 14 at Longbranch Coffeehouse*  
As You Like It – Tour 2014 (May)

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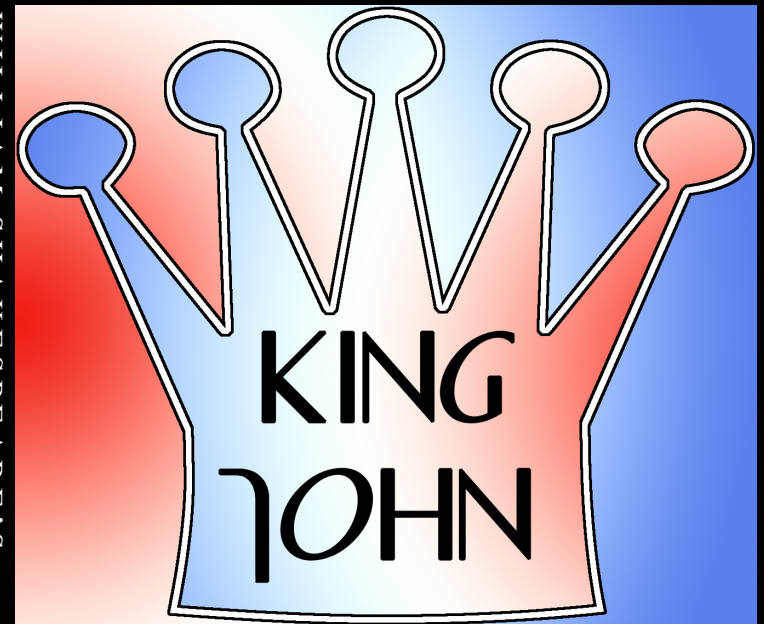
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WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S



STONE SOUP SHAKESPEARE  
STAGED READING SERIES  
FALL 2013



*Mad world! mad kings!  
mad composition!*



# PLAYERS *in order of appearance*

Jared Shofstall..... King John  
 Hasanah Brown..... Chatillon/Messenger  
 Joey Johnson..... Queen Elinor/Prince Henry  
 Benjamin Ponce..... The Bastard  
 Todd Brown..... Robert Faulkonbridge/  
 ..... Lady Faulkonbridge/Lewis/Salisbury  
 Sydney Ambos..... King Philip of France  
 Julia Stemper..... Constance  
 Joel Collins..... Arthur  
 Nico Woods..... First Citizen/Hubert  
 Emily Thompson..... Blanch/Pembroke  
 Jim Lambert..... Cardinal Pandulph  
 Alexsia Patton..... Count Melun/Messenger

## FAVORITE SOAPS *match the person to the soap opera*

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|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Sydney Ambos    | A. Lost                         |
| 2. Hasanah Brown   | B. Breaking Bad                 |
| 3. Todd Brown      | C. Supernatural                 |
| 4. Joel Collins    | D. U. S. House of Rep           |
|                    | <i>starring John Boehner</i>    |
| 5. Joey Johnson    | E. Rugrats                      |
| 6. Jim Lambert     | F. Game of Thrones              |
| 7. Alexsia Patton  | G. Bones                        |
| 8. Benjamin Ponce  | H. Scandal                      |
| 9. Jared Shofstall | I. Beverly Hills 90210-original |
| 10. Julia Stemper  | J. Gey's Anatomy                |
| 11. Emily Thompson | K. True Blood                   |
| 12. Nico Wood      | L. Passions                     |

I-1; 2-G; 3-A; 4-E; 5-I; 6-D; 7-G; 8-F; 9-B; 10-I; 11-H; 12-K; 13-D; 14-A


## About King John

Shakespeare's *King John* depicts the struggle for the crown of England between King John--who holds the crown at the opening of the play--and Arthur, the young son of John's dead older brother Geoffrey. The King of France takes on Arthur's case and France's son Louis the Dauphin soon decides to lay claim for the throne of England.

*King John* was written as a history play, but after reading it with a modern eye it rather quickly shows signs that it mirrors more our modern soap operas than most high school history classes. Rather than working on *King John* as a history play, we decided to tackle it like the plot of the daytime soap that it wants to be. Family in-fighting, contesting wills, betrayal, attempted murder, faking one's own death, power struggles, arranged marriages, war--sounds like an episode of *All My Children*! Shakespeare's language is rich in melodrama, and the characters are often reminiscent of Susan Lucci and Walt Willey (SIU alum).

I invite you to sit back, relax, and enjoy the play. Laugh... you're supposed to.

## Help Stone Soup Shakespeare

This holiday season we are looking for **50** special donors to donate **\$50** each. The money will go 100% back to our artists for our 2014 Tour of *As You Like It*. Help us not only bring Shakespeare to the public for free, but at the same time keep artists phone bills. Don't have **\$5** helps us buy another company from Paducah,  from fed, warm and paying their **\$50** to spare – don't worry, even 1.54 gallons of gas to take the KY to Milwaukee, WI with a lot of stops in between. All donations are tax-deductible courtesy of our fiscal sponsorship from Fractured Atlas. Want to know more – ask. Or visit [www.stonesoupshakespeare.com/support.html](http://www.stonesoupshakespeare.com/support.html)

## Join Stone Soup Shakespeare

Want to join in the fun? We always have our eyes open looking for more talent, more helping hands and more soup. We'll be auditioning for our next reading and the 2014 Tour in Carbondale on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Visit the website for more details.

Additionally this year we are looking for playwrights to submit 10-minute plays for **THE GREEN SHOW**. Deadline is February 15.

And if you're not sure of writing and the thought of speaking in verse has you scared, simply prepare your best pie for our FIRST EVER PIE BAKE-OFF happening alongside our March reading of *Titus Andronicus*. Why a Pie Bake-Off? Come to that reading and all will be answered!