

## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE “TWELFTH NIGHT” A SUCCESS!

We couldn't have had a blast at the beach without you!



Sarah Wilson as Fabian (far left), Steve Raeford as Sir Andrew (left), and Chris Veneris as Sir Toby (far right) hide from Joey Upper as Malvolio (front and center) in the Box-Tree scene.

*“Twelfth Night at the beautiful Hanging Rock State Park was a raucous adventure among waterfalls and rock gardens! I love these immersive productions by Shared Radiance and can't wait to learn when next year's Shakespeare at the Rock will be!”*

Jan E. Yarborough  
October 15th [Facebook Review](#)

We received great reviews of the show at Sweet Old Bill's, Paul J Ciener Garden, and Studio 609 as well. Many thanks to Martha Yarborough, Paul Siceloff, Helen and David Congdon, Drs. Michael and Zoe Draelos, Mary Eliza and Chip Duckett, Gaither and Tom Terrell, Lee and Alf Webster, and all who made our Sweet Old Bill's performance successful. Bill Jr., the owner of Sweet Old Bill's, says he wants us back anytime! The Stokes County Arts Council has already agreed to host us again next year on the weekend of Oct. 9th. If music be the food of love, you all must have played a lot of music. Much love to everyone involved!



(From left to right) David Merritt Jr, Sherri Raeford, and Chappell Upper perform ShakesCollage for high school students at the Greensboro High Point Marriott Airport. The show was presented as part of the 2019 NC Thespian Festival. Shared Radiance practitioners spent three days adjudicating competitions and teaching workshops.

## “SHAKESCOLLAGE” GOING STRONG

Shared Radiance Actors are busy presenting ShakesCollage, a compilation of Shakespeare’s works in schools across the Triad and North Carolina. They are completing their 2019 tour in December and previewing ShakesCollage 2020 in January.

We are pleased to announce Grants from Caldwell County, Forsyth County, and Davidson County for multiple schools for 2020. Several Grants from other counties are still in the works.

To book ShakesCollage in your school or community, contact Artistic Director, Sherri Raeford at [sherri@sharedradiance.org](mailto:sherri@sharedradiance.org) or 336-601-1768.

*“Thank you so much! Thank you for coming down and giving us the experience of Shared Radiance! It has given me a new sense and love for Shakespeare! I hope we meet again!!!”*

*Anonymous Student  
ShakesCollage Review*

## “SISTERS OF MINE” PREPARES FOR 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

(Back row, from left to right) Jalila Bowie, Sheryl Davis, Patsy Hawkins, Lennie Singer, Jinna Kim, (front row, from left to right) Sherri Raeford, Chappell Upper, and Robin Gentile have worked together with the support of the AAUW to create a performance piece celebrating the 19th amendment. (Not pictured) Jenni Pirkey is also involved with the project.



Shared Radiance Performing Arts Company has assembled a diverse group of actors, writers, and musicians and developed a Performance Montage called "Sisters of Mine" in partnership with the North Carolina branch of the American Association of University Women (the AAUW). Sherri Raeford, Artistic Director, will direct the piece. It will be performed at the Governor's Mansion as well as other venues throughout North Carolina in 2020.

The performance piece is a compilation of monologues, scenes, poems, and music based on their collective research on instrumental women surrounding the Women's Suffrage Movement. The piece features several North Carolina women as well as other instrumental women who helped bring about the Nineteenth Amendment. Issues of diversity and the inclusion of women that aren't highlighted often in the history of women's suffrage are addressed as well. There are so many stories to tell, including some that have been pushed aside. This ensemble strives to show an honest and insightful look at the events and women of our past and present.

Like us on [Facebook](#), follow us on [Twitter](#), and follow us on [Instagram](#) for updates on this project.



## GIVING TUESDAY COMING UP SOON

We hope you'll join us in keeping our mission and goals alive! Donate and help us share the radiance. Our mission is to entertain, enlighten, educate and explore experiential and interactive theatre through the works of Shakespeare and beyond.

Our performances take place in state parks, city parks, private venues, community centers and schools across North Carolina. We put a strong emphasis on Arts Education and offer opportunities in all areas of the Performing Arts for youth and adults.

To donate, go to [www.sharedradiance.org/the-producersdonate.html](http://www.sharedradiance.org/the-producersdonate.html)

## MEET OUR PLAYERS: DAVID MERRITT JR

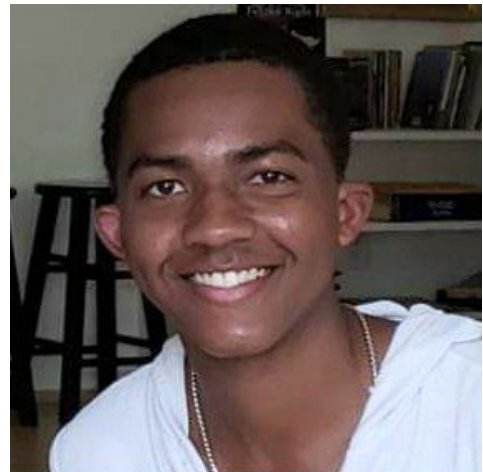
The seasoned ShakesCollage actor discusses his hidden talents, his future, and Spider-Man.

*"If music be the food of love,  
play on ..."*

- Orsino  
*Twelfth Night, Act I, Scene I*  
David's favorite Shakespeare quote

David Merritt Jr, or "DJ" to close friends and family, can seem a little shy at first. A self-proclaimed introvert raised in a sports-focused family, you wouldn't expect to find him on stage. However, Mr. Merritt has made himself right at home in theatre using his spirited enthusiasm, his gift for physical comedy, and his innate ability to recognize and highlight nuances. In addition to ShakesCollage, he's also been featured in other Shared Radiance shows such as *As You Like It* (Oliver), *Romeo & Juliet* (Mercutio), and, most recently, *Twelfth Night* (Orsino). I got the chance to pick David's brain on a few things. Read on to get a look inside his head.

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*“What’s your favorite color?”*

**“Blue.”**

*“If you were an animal, what would you be?”*

**“A dog.”**

*“What’s your Shared Radiance story?”*

**“Sherri saw me in my first show at Guilford Technical Community College, which was Romeo & Juliet. I played Romeo. I then auditioned for Shared Radiance and was brought in to be apart of ShakesCollage. I’ve stuck with the company, having done three shows since I joined.”**

*“What do you do when you’re not acting in Shared Radiance shows?”*

**“I try to find other plays to audition for.”**

*“Got any hidden talents?”*

**“I can play a few instruments like the piano, clarinet, and the drums.”**

*“Name one thing you want for your future.”*

**“To look back and say ‘I regret nothing. I’ve lived an amazing life.’”**

*“Name one thing you’ve done that made you feel proud.”*

**“The decision I made to want to be an actor.”**

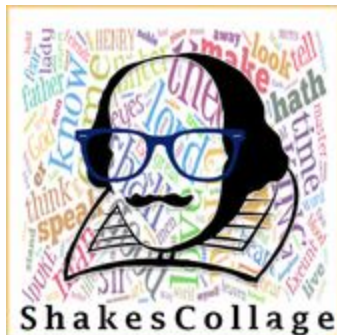
*“Those who know you well know you love Spider-Man. Can you tell us a little bit about that?”*

**“Spider-Man has been my favorite superhero since I was a baby. What I love about him is that he’s just so relatable in so many ways. He’s just a guy trying to get his life together and he just so happens to have superpowers.”**

*“Anything else you’d like our readers to know about you?”*

**“With all of that said, I’m afraid of spiders.”**

COMING SOON



**ShakesCollage 2020**

**Written by William**

**Shakespeare**

**Edited and Directed by**

**Sherri Raeford**

**Premiering January 2020**

## *Shine*

*An Evening of Variety Celebrating Love*

*Directed by Sherri Raeford*

February 7 and 8  
2020



## *Sisters of Mine*

*Written by the Shared Radiance*

*Writing Ensemble*

*Directed by Sherri Raeford*

Premiering March 2020

## **THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR**

**BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE**

**DIRECTED BY CHAPPELL UPPER**

May 28-31 and June 4-7

2020



## **Serial Killer's Daughter**

**Written by Pat Riviere-Seel**

**Adapted for Ensemble by Sherri Raeford**

**Directed by Stephanie Nusbaum**

Shared Radiance West

July 24, 2020

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## THE TEMPEST

BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE  
DIRECTED BY SHERRI RÆFORD  
October 1-4 and 8-11  
2020



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