The Gallery Council of the Memorial Art Gallery is going back to the Stratford Shakespeare Festival once again! We head to Stratford, ON to enjoy North America’s largest classical repertory theatre company. Spread across four distinctive venues the festival features classics, contemporary dramas, and musicals. Spend two days exploring the ambiance of the lovely town, enjoy local farm to table dinners and free time on your own. This year we will see three productions: Three Tall Women, Shakespeare’s Much Ado About Nothing, and the musical, Chicago.

We would love to have you join us and encourage you to make your reservation early as this sells very quickly!

For more information or detailed itinerary please contact: Michelle Turner at (585) 747-1547; mt1@rochester.rr.com
Our program begins at the Memorial Art Gallery where we will meet as a group before departing by bus to Stratford, ON, a four-hour drive. Upon arrival we will make our way to the Studio Theater, a small intimate theater that opened in 2002 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Festival's first opening night.

Enjoy an afternoon performance of Edward Albee's *Three Tall Women*, which earned a Pulitzer and three Best Play awards in 1994. Albee's frank dialogue about everything from incontinence to infidelity portrays aging without sentimentality. His scenes are charged with wit, pain, and laughter, his observations tell us about forgiveness and our own fates. Enjoy a lovely welcome dinner that focuses on farm-to-table cuisine.

Spend the next morning at leisure exploring the charming town of Stratford and all the activities around the theater festival. After lunch at leisure, we will meet as a group for an afternoon performance of Shakespeare’s *Much Ado About Nothing*.

One of Shakespeare’s later comedies features the story of two very different sets of lovers: Beatrice and Benedick, and Claudio and Hero. When it comes to trading witty insults, Beatrice and Benedick are foes worthy of each other’s steel – and their friends think they’d make a great romantic match, too.

Meanwhile, as a delightful campaign of trickery is mounted to awaken this merrily warring duo to their mutual attraction, another couple’s future happiness is threatened by deception of a very different kind.

After an earlier dinner as a group, we will head back to the Festival Theater to watch an evening performance of the musical *Chicago*. This will be an entirely new production of the musical, the first time that's been done at a major theatre company outside of London or New York.

Return by bus the following day with an afternoon arrival into Rochester.

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**Logistics:** We will meet in the MAG Upper Goodman Street Parking Lot at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 30 for a prompt 8:00 a.m. departure. Plan on returning about 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 1.

**Accommodations:** Arden Inn, 2 nights.

**DIFFICULTY LEVEL: MEDIUM.** The program will sometimes involve walking up steps and on some uneven ground. This tour is considered to be of “limited handicapped accessibility”.

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**THE GALLERY COUNCIL OF THE MEMORIAL ART GALLERY PRESENTS**

**THE 2020 STRATFORD SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL**

**RESERVATION FORM**

I would like to reserve ______ space(s) for *The 2020 Stratford Shakespeare Festival, July 30—August 1, 2020*

Enclosed is a deposit of $500 per person, in the total amount of $________. Please make checks payable to Distant Horizons (Your deposit is refundable up to 80 days prior to departure less a $250 per person administration fee.)

**Please check the following that apply:**

MAG member: _________ Gallery Council member________

**Room Arrangements**

□ Single Supplement □ Double Occupancy, I will be sharing a room with: ____________________________

**Personal Information**

First Name_____________________________________  Last Name_______________________________________

First Name_____________________________________  Last Name_______________________________________

Address_______________________________________  City, State, Zip____________________________________

Daytime phone (______)_________________________   Email Address____________________________________

Price is based on a minimum of 25 travelers, should the group size drop below 25 travelers a small group surcharge may apply.

Send reservation form and deposit to: Distant Horizons, 350 Elm Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90802

For more information, please contact Karen Siman-Tov at Distant Horizons at Karens@Distant-Horizons.com or 1-800-333-1240